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OUTLINES.

The people of the cotton mill district of Union Springs, Ala., indignantly refused to accept charity offerings ——Rear Admiral Willard H. Brownson has sent the President his resignation as Chief of the Bureau of Navigation and it has been accepted—— An infernal machine, addressed to Archie Carr, Erie, Pa., was discovered in the mail and the police have charge of it——The new State of Oklahoma has had its first lynching; a negro shot and killed a livery stable keeper because he would not rent him a rig and his body full of bullets now dangles from a telegraph pole——By order of the Chancery Court the Memphis, Tenn., Savings Bank yesterday closed its doors; it is one of the oldest financial institution in the city ——In Colorado a gale blew several passenger cars off the track and a prominent member of the Elks was seriously injured; he had both legs broken and will probably die——Governor Smith of Georgia is interesting himself in the affairs of the defunct National Bank of Atlanta, Ga.—— Drinking negroes at Way Cross, Ga., start a fight and two are killed, also one white man——Admiral Evans' fleet arrived at Trinidad ahead of time, all are well and are receiving a grand welcome from the natives, two thousand men were given shore liberty—— The Inter-State Commerce Commission has handed down a decision adverse to the Illinois Central Railroad—— New York markets: Flour quiet but firmly held; corn meal firm, wheat spot firm, oats spot easy, rosin quiet, turpentine steady at 45; money on call firm at from 6 to 24 per cent, closing bid 6, offered at 8; cotton closed steady, middling uplands, 11.70; middling gulf, 11.95; sales 400 bales.

A Merry Christmas to each and every reader of the Star.

Taft is back. What is Mr. Foraker going to do about it?

The wise editor keeps his "Mine Horror" head "standing" these days.

Japan is becoming almost affectionate, since she got a good look at the fleet.

Let every man ask himself this morning—How has he dealt with his brother?

It is up to the editor of the Congressional Record to introduce a sporting page.

The best thing about the DeArmond-Williams set-to was that it has not been denied.

The cartoons picturing Governor Hughes as a sphinx must bring up painful recollections for Judge Parker.

"Every real newspaper man," says the Houston Chronicle, "has ink in his blood." We thought it was mostly graphite. Printers use ink.

Judge Parker kept silent so long that the people concluded he had nothing to say. Some of the present day aspirants for Presidential honors should take warning.

A Massachusetts pianist has had to give up his profession, as a musician, because of the loss of a finger. He can take up short hand, however, and ought to be "right in it" at that.

If some one gives you a nice, bright, glistening $20 gold piece today for a Christmas present, don't grumble about the eagle's appearance in the giver's presence. That wouldn't be nice.

Harry Thaw's second trial is scheduled to commence on January 6th. This will leave less than a week of the glad New Year in which people can think only of things decent and pure.

Having done nothing more than appropriate $50,000 for the purchase of seed for distribution among a number of constituents who do not want them, Congress doubtless feels in fine shape for the holiday season.

"Sometimes it seems that the chief requisite for getting a bill through Congress is the friendship of Nelson W. Aldrich and Joseph G. Cannon." says the Columbia State. "Sometimes?" What are you talking about, brother? All the time!

In New York, a man who was making love in a dark hallway, late at night, was mistaken for a burglar and shot at. Few people will sympathize with a man who can't lavish his affection on a young lady without making a noise like a burglar.

Secretary taft says he enjoyed himself immensely on his junket to the Orient. He also told the reporters that he had not kept himself informed as to what had been going on in this country. This most certainly accounts for his first statement.

CHRISTMAS IS HERE

Merrymaking Prevailed on The Streets Yesterday And Last Night.

NO SPECIAL FEATURES

Will Mark the Observance of the Day in Wilmington—Merchants Have All Done Great Christmas Business.

Today is Christmas Day, and as such it will be observed throughout the entire Christian world. Especially in the United States is it a time for festivity and rejoicing, and to countless hearts the occasion will bring joy and gladness. To those who are less fortunate in being possessed of this world's goods than many of us, the day will still come as a long looked for event on account of the association that the occasion carries with it.

Yesterday in Wilmington was a most beautiful day before Christmas and last evening was a typical Christmas Eve. The streets and all the down town stores were crowded with a thronging, good natured, smiling mass of humanity and until an early hour this morning the merry making and jollity which prevail on the day before Christmas was continued.

Last night especially was the time for the Christmas revelers to make their appearance on the streets, and many merry crowds marched up and down the thoroughfares making the welkin ring with every form of discordant noises produced from various nerve racking instruments. The sonorous sound of the horn, the dismal clank of the far-reaching cow bell, and the constant reverberations from giant cannon crackers, caused those not celebrating to realize that the Christmas spirit had taken full possession of nearly every one on the streets.

Yesterday was a typical spring-like day, and the weather indications for today are very favorable. While the weather may be slightly cooler today, it is not believed that it will be uncomfortable, and therefore it will allow those who do not wish to spend the day quietly in their homes to carry out any other plans they may have formed for the celebration of the day.

The various business houses were crowded yesterday with the final contingent of Christmas shoppers who had delayed making their purchases until the last moment. The tired clerks were rushed during the day, and last night, and it is probable that a sigh of relief came from many when the business houses were closed last evening. In spite of the fact that the country has recently passed through a serious financial situation, business conditions in Wilmington have been very fine for the past few days and the merchants are all well pleased with the volume of business that has been transacted during the days which led to Christmas.

The city is to be congratulated upon the almost perfect order which prevailed in the streets yesterday and last night. While eight special policemen were sworn in as it was deemed wise to have a few officers in reserve, there has been practically no disorder in the city limits and the policemen while very vigilant have had few cases to contend with which called for arrests. Of course the cup that cheers and also inebriates has been very popular among many on account of the festive character that attribute to the Christmas season, but those who were intoxicated have given very little trouble.

No special attractions have been arranged for the day, and while many will go to Wrightsville Beach during the afternoon, others will spend the day in the field with their guns, or quietly at home with their families.

To one and all the Morning Star extends a bright and cheerful "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year," and it wishes for its readers during the year soon to be inaugurated, a full measure of prosperity and happiness.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Platt & Haar—Merry Christmas.
D. L. Gore Co.—Merry Christmas.
W. M. Bellamy—Commissioner's Sale.
Crystal Palace—A Merry Christmas.
C. W. Polvogt Co.—A Merry Christmas.
C. H. Fore & Co.—We Wish to Thank.
J. H. Rehder & Co.—Christmas Greeting.
S. H. Kress & Co.—Christmas Greetings.
Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.—Christmas Greeting.

Business Locals.

Chas. M. Stiff—Pianos.
Wanted—Salesmen for 1908.
A. Mayronichols—Same Name, Same Business.

Fireworks at Rehder's, Fourth Street Bridge, Candycapps and Market Street store under Bonitz Hotel. 4t

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SCHOOL CLOSED TUESDAY

Miss Mary L. Alderman's School Entertained Parents and Friends. Mr. W. P. Monroe as Santa Claus.

One of the most pleasing events of the holiday season was the closing exercises of Miss Mary L. Alderman's Select School held yesterday morning in the school room, on Fifth, between Market and Princess streets. A large number of visitors were present to witness the exercises and after the programme had been concluded, the participants were warmly congratulated by all present. The following programme was rendered, and each participant acquitted himself, or herself, in a most creditable manner.

Prayer and Bible reading conducted by the principal, Miss Mary L. Alderman.

Greeting to Santa Claus—Primary Class.

Recitation, "Little Town of Bethlehem"—By Carrie Carter.

Song, "Hark the Bells"—By Bessie Toon.

Reading, "A Story of Christmas"—By Miss Rebeccah Seligman.

Song, "Jack Frost"—By the Primary Class.

Reception, "Dickie's Christmas"—By Lucile McKracken.

Song, "Work Says the Sun Shine"—Primary Class.

Recitation, "Two Times One Are Two"—By Marion Summerell.

Closing Speech—By Mike Newman.

After the formal exercises, the school was delighted to receive a visit from old Santa Claus. Santa was cleverly impersonated by Mr. W. P. Monroe, and after making a few remarks, he distributed gifts to all the members of the school.

The school will open for the spring session on January 2nd. This has been the most successful year in the history of Miss Alderman's school, more than 110 pupils having been enrolled in the day and night schools together.

NEGRO SHOOTS WHITE MAN.

Serious Affair at Burgaw Last Night

Information reached the city early last night to the effect that Mr. McLennon, a prominent citizen of Burgaw, had been shot and seriously wounded by a negro at that place early in the evening. Mr. McLennon and a negro had been having some words when a second negro slipped up behind him and fired twice, both shots taking effect in Mr. McLennon's legs. The negro who did the shooting lives in Burgaw but he has been employed in Wilmington at the Compress. A large posse left Burgaw immediately after the shooting and are out searching for the negro who made his escape.

Mr. McLennon is doing well, and his wounds, while very painful, are not considered serious.

CAPE FEAR COUNCIL, U. C. T.

Kindly Reference to Wilmington Traveling Men by Columbia State.

In its column devoted to U. C. T. and T. P. A. news, the Columbia State of Monday says:

"Cape Fear Council, No 374, U. C. T., is located in Wilmington, N. C., but that don't mean that it isn't one of the real live ones. One has to attend a council meeting of 374, just once, to have his mind abused of any such idea. L. H. Burnett is senior counselor, and that spells a "step lively" spirit to any one who has the pleasure of knowing the man. Cape Fear is the "baby council" of the Carolinas jurisdiction, but it is a good, healthy and well-behaved kid, giving every indication of being an honor and a comfort to its parents when it gets older."

MARRIED YESTERDAY.

Miss Ethel Bordeaux the Bride of Mr. Lonnie Snipes.

A quiet home wedding was celebrated yesterday afternoon at Burgaw, which will be of interest to friends of the contracting parties in Wilmington. The parties to the happy event were Miss Ethel Bordeaux, of that town, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Bordeaux. Only a few intimate friends and relatives were invited to witness the ceremony, which is described as having been of a very pretty nature. The wedding occurred at the home of the bride's parents in Burgaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Snipes will make their home at No. 405 Castle street, this city, and they will have the best wishes of many friends for a happy and prosperous wedded life.

MRS. M. B. DAVIS DEAD.

Passed Away Yesterday at Her Home in Charlotte.

Friends in this city will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Margaret Brewster Davis, of Charlotte, formerly of this city. Mrs. Davis died at the home of her son, Mr. B. Davis, in that city, after a short illness. She was related to many of the prominent families in Wilmington and the news of her demise will be received with deep regret. The funeral will be held today at Pittsboro.

See Dick Warren about your fruit cake; 1,800 lbs, in stock. Warren's Steam Bakery. 3t

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PRAISE FOR SCHOOLS

State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner Compliments Local Schools.

ALSO THE COMMITTEES

Foreigner and His Family Settle here Governor Glenn Scores Raleigh People for Lack of Interest in Campaign.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 24.—Hon. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, spent Tuesday in Wilmington visiting the City Schools of that place He says he was delighted at the excellent conditions of the schools, and that Superintendent Jno. J. Blair, the teachers, the trustees and the people are to be congratulated upon the admirable systematization and management. He was especially impressed with the fine school spirit, the air of order, neatness and refinement pervading the whole system of schools, and the kindly and cordial relations between superintendent and teachers, and between the teachers and the students. He says he saw some unusually good work in class rooms and was greatly encouraged to find over two hundred students in the High School department. He declares that the schools and the people are to be congratulated on having such representative citizens as trustees of the schools. Two of them, Messrs. Chadbourn and Worth, left their business to accompany him through the schools, and it was beautiful and inspiring to see the pride and interest they felt in the schools and the work of the children.

An amendment is allowed in the office of the Secretary of State for the charter of the Southern Securities and Trust Co., of Gastonia, changing the place of busines from Gastonio to Charlotte. J. A. Glenn is president of the company.

A. Corvette and his family, including his wife and eight children, from Belgium, arrived in Raleigh last night and will go to Grimesland, Pitt county tomorrow, to settle on the plantation of Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes. They will undertake truck farming. They have been in this country about one year and settled first in South Carolina, but were induced to come to this state by Oscar Van Dermersh, who has been appointed by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture as an immigration agent.

Nine new rural public school libraries were authorized by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and warrants on the State Treasury were issued for the State's proportion of the necessary appropriations. The libraries are distributed in the following counties: two in Craven; three in Sampson; one in Yadkin; two in Moore and one in Pasquotank.

Governor Glenn was the principal speaker last night at the Central Methodist Church for a meeting in the interest of the Prohibition campaign. He commented on the small attendance by declaring that where two or three are gathered together with earnest prayerful purpose in a Godly cause, results must follow. There were probably fifty voters and seventy-five or one hundred ladies present. The Governor made a forcible address, principally in denunciation of the defense of the dispensary vote to the effect that "no greater calamity could come to Raleigh at this time than an increase in the tax rate." He contrasted the small increase in taxes that might result from driving out the dispensary with the saving of immortal souls that would, he said, be surely accomplished. He denied the intimations that dispensary advocates are making, that to vote out the dispensary would reduce schools to four months, and stop road improvements, and held up Mecklenburg, Guilford, and Robeson counties as shining examples of greater advancement along all these lines without liquor, than with it. As to endorsement of Prohibition and suppression of "blind tigers," he declared that if the officials of Raleigh failed to enforce the law, to report to him, and he, as Governor, would see that there was prosecution enough. He closed with a statement that the cause of Prohibition would be lost in Raleigh unless the temperance forces wake up more fully to the realization of their duty in working for votes.

Governor Glenn today granted a pardon to Alphius Vaughan, former manager of the Raleigh Office Sewing Machine Company, who has served two years and four months for embezzling $2,700. He has been a model prisoner and has a wife and three children.

Gifts Presented.

After the regular weekly session of the Y. M. C. A. Bible Class had been concluded Monday night, Colonel Walker Taylor on behalf of the class, presented to the leader Rev. A. D. McClure, a handsome silk umbrella as a token of affection and esteem from the class. The class also presented a fine gold hat pin to Mrs. Edward Kettle for kindnesses she has extended to the class during the past few months.

NEW RAILROAD MAP

Was Received Yesterday by Mr. W. E. Worth, Illustrates Route of South and Western Railway.

An interesting map was received yesterday afternoon by Mr. W. E. Worth, showing the route of the South and Western railroad, now in course of construction, and which extends from Elkhorn, Ky., to Spartanburg, S. C. The map has been placed at the Chamber of Commerce for a few days and it nas attracted much attention.

The route of the railroad illustrated by the map passes through one of the richest coal field districts of the country. This new railroad connects at Elkhorn with the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, which in turn connects at Bostick, N. C., just below Rutherfordton, with the Seaboard Air Line. The Seaboard Air Line connects with this city, thus making the route from Wilmington to Chicago shorter than that from any other port on the South Atlantic coast.

The entire distance covered by the new road is 284 miles and the railroad passes through a most productive coal region. Seventy per cent. of the road is under construction and 100 miles of rails have been laid, 85 pound rails are being used and the average cost per mile is $125,000. The road will be stone ballasted and when completed will be one of the best in the country.

The primary purpose of the new railroad is to place coal upon the markets of North and South Carolina and to develop the ports of the two states. This means that Wilmington, which has a harbor second to none, and is the nearest available seaport to the Panama Canal, will in the future be greatly benefitted by the new road as the export business of the city will be greatly increased by virtue of the coal business which will be transacted through this port.

COMING OF CRESTON CLARKE.

Story of "The Power That Governs" to be Seen Friday.

In "The Power That Governs," the new play in which Creston Clarke, under the direction of Jules Murray, will be seen at the Academy Friday night, is in three acts and has as many set scenes. The first of these shows the interior of the shack of Jim Henderson, an old miner, and the uncle and partner of Andrew Michael, "The Kid," which role is portrayed by Mr. Clarke. The second act is laid in the court-yard of a Mexican hotel at the foot of the Sierra Madre Mountains at the hour of the siesta. The wonderful coloring of the Mexican sky, which is especially noticeable in this particular region, at this hour, has given the producer, Mr. Murray, a particularly fine field for his efforts as a master of stagecraft, and the results are said to justify all the praise which has been bestowed upon the setting. In the third act, which shows the library in the suite of rooms occupied by Charmichael, Mr. Murry has given uncontrovertible evidence of his right to classification with the most gifted stage producers of the day.

Every detail of the picture is given the utmost care. In order that there should be no anachronism to lay the effect open to advertise criticism, the properties used were obtained intact from a first class Mexican hostelry, and the decorations of the walls and ceiling of the room shown were printed by an artist who spent several years during his studies, not only in Mexico, but in the neighborhood of the Sierra Madre Mountains. Before he was commissioned to do the work he had to convince Mr. Murry of his familiarity with the latter's requirements.

Seats go on sale Thursday morning.

MARRIED LAST NIGHT.

Miss Lola Owens the Bride of Mr. Julius Wright.

A quiet but very pretty wedding was celebrated at 8:30 o'clock last evening in Trinity Church parsonage, Rev. W. L. Rexford, postor of Trinity Methodist church, officiating, the parties to which were Miss Lola Owens and Mr. Julius Wright, two well known and popular young people of this city. The wedding was of a quiet nature, being witnessed by only a few friends and relatives of the contracting couple. The groom was attended by Mr. H. M. Fick, as best man and the bride had as her maid of honor, Miss Ethel H. Klein.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright will make their home at No. 818 Chestnut street, and they will have the best wishes of scores of friends for a long and happy wedded life.

NO PAPER TOMORROW.

According to the time-honored custom in Wilmington newspaperdom, The Morning Star will not issue tomorrow, this being to give employes and all connected with the paper an opportunity of observing the Christmas holiday as they may see proper. The paper will appear as usual Friday morning. Wishing each and every reader a very merry Christmas, the Star says good-bye until Friday morning.

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BURNED TO DEATH

Awful Accident to Mrs. F. G. King Resulted in Death.

EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE

Yesterday Morning at Empire Steam Dye Works—Mrs. King Died at the Hospital in Afternoon—Mr. King Overcome.

After suffering excruciating torture for six hours as a result of having been fatally burned yesterday morning shortly after 11 o'clock, Mrs. F. G. King the wife of Mr. F. G. King, who operates the Empire Steam Dye Works at No. 122 Market street, passed away yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Walker Memorial Hospital where she was carried for treatment shortly after she was burned. Mrs. King was burned in such a horrible manner that it was seen from the first she would be unable to recover from the effects of her injuries.

Mrs. King was burned in an explosion of gasoline which was caused when she spilled a quantity of the inflammable fluid on a boiler in the rear of the dye establishment where she was at work. Her husband who came near being suffocated in the fire which resulted from the explosion, recovered from the effects of his partial asphyxiation early in the afternoon and he was driven to the hospital where he remained with his wife until death came as a relief to her awful suffering.

Mrs. King was burned in a horrible manner, the flesh being cooked raw in various places and in her agony she inhaled the flames, which made her recovery impossible. Her clothing was burned entirely off and there was scarcely a spot on her body which was not burned by the flames.

There seems to have been only one witness to the dreadful affair, this person having been John Watters, a middle aged colored man, who has been employed in the Steam Dye Works for some time past. According to Watters' statement, Mrs. King and he were engaged in completing some work in the rear of the establishment when the accident occurred. Mrs. King with a pan filled with gasoline, in her hand, started to go out of the building into the back yard. When passing through the door, she struck her arm against the side of the door frame, spilling the contents of the pan against a boiler several feet distant. The gasoline exploded immediately and burst into flames, which enveloped Mrs. King's form. The unfortunate woman in her agony ran into the back yard, screaming for aid. As soon as he could, Watters secured a woolen garment and ran to the assistance of Mrs. King. Before the flames were extinguished, Mrs. King's clothing had been burned off entirely and her whole body was burned in a most horrible manner.

The suffering woman was carried into the furniture store of Gaston D. Phares & Co., next door to the building in which the accident occurred, and several ladies were summoned to render any assistance possible until physicians could arrive.

Dr. Pride J. Thomas was the first to reach the scene, followed a few moments later by Dr. D. W. Bulluck. Dr. Thomas administered a strong hyperdermic to the suffering woman, which succeeded in allaying to some extent, the excruciating torture she was undergoing.

Mrs. King realized that she was desperately burned, and while in the Phares store, she requested a Catholic priest be summoned to render spiritual consolation. Father Hanan, assistant rector of the Catholic Church soon responded and he administered the rite of extreme unction to Mrs. King.

A few minutes later Mrs. King was carried to the James Walker Memorial Hospital in the ambulance where everything possible to relieve her suffering was done. It was not believed from the first that she could recover on account of the dreadful nature of her injuries.

Mr. F. G. King, her husband was on the second floor of the building, talking with Mr. J. J. Adkins, and the two men heard at the same time, the explosion and subsequent screams of Mrs. King. Mr. Adkins jumped from the second floor piazza to the ground, spraining his back badly, and he then assisted Watters in aiding Mrs. King.

Mr. King when he turned back into the room was overcome by the flames and smoke from the fire and probably would have suffered death by suffocation had it not been for Assistant Fire Chief W. P. Monroe, who mounted a ladder placed in front of the building and going into the room, heroically succeeded in getting out the half conscious man and bearing him safely to the street below. Mr. King recovered from his experience within an hour but he is in great distress because of the dreadful injury received by his wife and her subsequent death.

—St. Matthew's English Lutheran Sunday School on North Fourth street, will hold its annual Christmas tree services on Thursday night at 8 o'clock. A very pretty service will be rendered and the Rev. W. A. Snyder, of St. Paul's, will address the school. Every one will be welcome.

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CHILDHOOD AND CHRISTMAS.

If there is any hard and crusted old codger in Wilmington who tried to cut down expenses by depriving his children of the joys of Christmas, we hope—well 'tis better not said just what we hope will be his reward.

At best it was a dangerous thing for him to do.

If the community should hear of it, there is no telling what might happen.

Of course there is no denying the fact that there is and has been a more or less pronounced stringency in the financial world, but as a matter of fact that is no excuse why the little ones should have been overlooked. They were not to blame.

Of course there has been less money in sight recently than for a number of years past but it is not true, and never will be true, that it is necessary to sacrifice Christmas pleasures for the young, merely because a rich nation does not know enough to provide money for its needs.

In the deliberate opinion of mankind the most monstrous fiend is he who robs a child of happiness. There is something so diabolical in such a crime that it stands beyond the pale of ordinary atrocity. When one thinks of the disappointment that is keener than sorrow; when one sees the smile vanish and the tears flow; when one returns to childhood and shares in the unutterable woe of those who are forgotten at Christmas time, there is a surge of passionate anger against the man who could thus blot the sun out of childhood's sky.

If childish glee were so costly that it could be purchased only by the bankruptcy of the family fortune, there might be some excuse for the crime of which we speak. But this is not so.

It is easy, very easy, indeed, to make happiness grow. The tendency of flush prosperity is to run to ridiculous excess in the luxury of children's gifts. There is no sense in such expenditures. Children are happier with simpler things. The present stringency will do good by lopping off extravagance. Let the grown-up run his mind back to his own childhood and estimate the joy hidden in gifts that may be had for the price of a poor cigar. Then let him invest in happiness for his children, and for other children who may be in danger of being forgotten.

If there is any man today who is alone, with unhappy memories behind him and a gloomy outlook ahead, let him go out and buy some of the inexpensive but marvelously ingenious gifts for children.

Oh, that tonight we might fall asleep to the twinkle of a child's laughter, not ours, but that of some poor child who is not to blame for the fact that it knows no father but who is in no way responsible for that unfortunate fact.

KILL OFF THE RATS.

The last issue of the Public Health reports of the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service was issued on December 13, but is only just at hand. It is of more than usual interest from the fact that it contains an epitome of the reports of the special commission of bacteriological experts, engaged during the past few years in India, in investigating the manner of transmission of the bubonic plague, and also for the statistics of the disease gathered from other world points where it is prevalent, or where cases have been reported within the past few months.

The specific cause of the disease has been known for a number of years; its manner of transmission has been a matter of dispute, although it has been held by many that the chief agent in its dissemination was the rat, and that the particular specie of flea of this animal (Pulex cheopis) was in some way connected in passing the disease from the rat to the human subject.

That the rat flea is capable of transmitting the disease from an infected to a perfectly healthy animal seems to have been established by the Commission beyond all doubt, and as this praticular flea is known to bite the human subject, the chain of evidence seems to be complete. That other fleas were found capable of transmitting the disease, does not detract from the findings of the Commission, but is rather in the way of an emphasizing factor, although it may add to the difficulties in formulating sanitary measures for the eradication of the disease, and more especially so among the teeming millions of the Indian Empire, ignorant of the first principles of hygiene and with intense religious prejudices.

That the authorities in India are up against a very serious problem is realized by almost everyone who reads the cable dispatches published from time to time in the papers, but the full measure of the problem can only be judged when the appalling death rate from the disease is taken into consideration.

Between April 1st and October 1st of this year, no less than 553,557 cases of the plague were reported in India, of which 474,914 died, a mortality rate of 86 per cent. In the Punjab alone there were 341,183 cases, with 308,222 death in less than six months. Compared with this mortality, the death rate from the dreaded yellow fever sinks into complete insignificance.

Outside of the Indian Empire, the disease has been recorded during the past six months in fully thirty other countries of the world, and no continent seems to have been altogether free from it, not even Europe, where two introduced cases were reported from Marseilles and Glasgow.

In San Francisco it has been present since Aug. 12, and since that date 112 cases have been reported, with 67 deaths to Dec. 5.

Seven other cases have been reported at other points on the west coast all resulting in death. The small number of cases has been due, no doubt, to the energetic measures taken to combat the disease, but its mere presence is a warning that, notwithstanding our advanced sanitary measures, the disease is liable to be introduced at any of our ports having connections with infected points. Its presence in various countries in South America indicates that vigilance is as necessary at all ports.

Only the other day a suggestion came from Denmark for an international association for the destruction of the rodent. This suggestion is not so ridiculous as it sounds. The nations are awakening to the dangers of a plague visitation, and now that at least one agency of transmission has been proved definitely, the road to immunity seems plain. Kill off the rats.

WILL THEY LEGISLATE.

Some time ago there was much discussion as to the advisability of calling an extra session of Congress in order that currency legislation might be enacted to meet the demands of business.

President Roosevelt decided upon another course. Congress was not called in extra session but the Secretary of the Treasury, with the consent of the President, managed to inflate the circulation and satisfy the "Street" and the "Financiers."

This action on the part of the Secretary is now the subject of investigation and Mr. Cortelyou is called upon to explain many things. He will no doubt be able to do so to the entire satisfaction of a Republican Congress and his patron saint, President Roosevelt.

We now hear of numerous bills being presented, but not any talk to the effect that there will be any actual currency legislation.

It is argued by the "leaders" that normal conditions have not yet returned and while the crisis of the recent stringency has passed all possible phases of the situation have not yet disclosed themselves. They argue that there is much to be learned from the situation and that experts should be given time to study the situation in the light of developments of the past few months. In this the leaders are quite right. The average Congressman knows about as much about currency and finance as he does about aerial navigation.

Congress will probably adopt some temporary relief measure, designed to meet the necessities of the crop-moving period next year and then let the matter rest for the next Congress to take up.

This session of Congress will be followed by a national election and it is safe to predict that there will be very little legislation. The predominant party is afraid to take a chance and it will not give the other side the opportunity.

Currency reform will go over.

An Alabama exchange calls attention to the fact that this country has not had a President named John since 1841. No doubt Senator Knox thinks more weight should be given to the fact that in all its history the country has never had a President named Philander.

It is to be hoped, however, the time will never come when a candidate for Speaker of the House of Representatives in this country will consider accurate knowledge of a certain set of rules laid down by one Marquis of Queensberry, an indispensable qualification for the position.

A Chicago alienist recently went on the stand and testified that a man with a toothache, a bunion, and a 275-pound wife with a disposition like a crosscut saw is not insane. He must have a wonderful brain to bear up under all that.

A Tennessee young woman dressed in male attire, and by the skillful use of intoxicants, cigarettes and profanity passed as a man for several years. But that does not prove that all Tennessee men are alike.

CURRENT COMMENT

—The biggest cuss word known to the national administration is "reactionary."—Toledo Citizen.

—Lord Kelvin seems to have been one of the men who were not ruined by a college education.—Chicago Record-Herald.

—There are lots of persons in this country who like a man who can keep quiet when he has nothing to say, like Governor Hughes.—Toledo Blade.

—Wonder if Senator Lodge telephones through his chest when he communicates with the White House these days?—Washington Post.

—St. Louis reports 300 saloons less than last year. If that keeps up St. Louis will soon have no more than eight saloons to the block.—Omaha Bee.

—In spite of the assurance that they will all get a square deal, the Republican aspirants continue to keep their eyes on the dealer's hands.—Washington Post.

—Senator Bailey has at last uttered a sublime truth. He declares that Congress does not understand the financial question.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

—For the promotion of true sport the two Democratic members of the House Committee on rules ought to consult that eminent authority the Marquis of Queensberry.—New York World.

TWINKLINGS.

—"How we do change!" "Yes, yes," assented the Sioux Falls lady. "Years ago I married men that I wouldn't invite to a musicale now."—Southwestern Book.

—"Jedge," said the colored prisoner, "is I expected ter tell de truth?" "Why, of course, you are!" "Well, then, des go ahead an' sentence me fust!"—Atlanta Constitution.

—Mrs. Bacon—I see that nearly one-half of the fishes caught in the Indian Ocean belong to a species not heretofore described in any book. Mrs. Egbert—That must be where my husband goes fishing!—Truth.

—"You New Yorkers don't seem to know anything about the rest of the country," said the visitor. "The rest of the country?" echoed the New Yorker, "where's that?"—Philadelphia Ledger.

—Mrs. Newrich—Don't you think, William, now we are getting into the smart set, that we should have a coat of arms? Mr. N.—Certainly, my dear, I'll see my tailor about it tomorrow.—London Opinion.

—Dashaway—I want you to meet the eldest Springer girl. She is the most intelligent of the three of them. Cleverton—No, thanks I've learned more than I ought to know from the tother two.—Life.

—Indignant Citizen—Say! Your boy threw a stone at me just now and barely missed me, Mr. Grogan—Yez say he missed ye? Indignant Citizen—That's what I understood myself to remark. Mr. Grogan—It was not my b'y.—The New Century.

—One New York paper says that Harlem is full of fleas, and another that Wall Street teems with sharks. When Harlemittes are bitten, a bump is left, but when a stranger falls victim to the sharks there's not even a bump left.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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Forty-three Business Men of Raleigh Express Disapproval of Prohibition In Signed Statement Setting Forth Reasons—Dr. A. W. Knox Makes Separate Statement.

(Raleigh, N. C.)

Forty-three petitioners to the original petition asking for an election on the question of dispensary or prohibition have signed another petition, in which they give their reasons for being against the abolition of the dispensary. The signers are all well known in Raleigh.

The statement issued by these gentlemen, and which is furnished the press, follows:

"We, the undersigned citizens of Raleigh, wish to express our disapproval of the present movement inaugurated to abolish the dispensary for the following reasons:

"First. We do not believe that the voting out of the dispensary is going to bring the result that is expected and designed by those who favor prohibition. We believe that the dispensary is a better solution of the liquor problem than a prohibition law that experience has taught us cannot be enforced until Congress shall pass some law prohibiting the shipment of liquor into prohibition territory. The results in South Carolina, where laws were most stringent, have proven this, and the criminal dockets of prohibition counties in this state have shown that prohibition under these conditions cannot be enforced.

"Second. The present net income from the dispensary is approximately $75,000, apportioned as follows: Four-tenths, or $30,000 to the city of Raleigh, three-tenths, or $22,500 to the county road fund, and three tenths, or $22,500 to the schools, of which last sum the schools of Raleigh receive about $8,000. Expensive machinery has been purchased for working the roads with a view to this income, and in like manner have the county and city school authorities erected new buildings and planned greater work along educational lines.

"To abolish the dispensary means an increase of tax and the curtailment of this progress. Raleigh is now going forward, and in our opinion, nothing could be so unfortunate as to have a great increase in the tax rate upon property. The tax rate prior to the establishment of the dispensary for State, county, municipal and special purposes, was about $2.46. It is now about $2.03.

"If the dispensary is abolished this revenue is cut off. This means raising the tax rate, and when we consider that a large territory has been taken into the corporate limits of the city, requiring expenditures for streets, sewers, and lights, even the former high tax rate will not be adequate.

"Let each voter stop and think. Shall we stop this progress and advancement and burden ourselves with additional taxes in order to try the experiment of prohibition, or shall we continue our progress under present conditions?

"Wm. H. Williamson, president and treasurer Pilot Cotton Mills Company, H. W. Miller, T. M. Argo, M. Rosenthal, D. Ellias, F. K. Ellington, J. D. Turner, J. G. Ball, J. D. Whitaker, Leo Yurnakes, J. S. Wyne, because it does not prohibit; C. B. Ray, because it does not prohibit; Crowder & Rand, Herman Heller, F. H. Busbee, J. N. Holding, Alfred Williams, W. R. Crawford, L. A. Mahler, F. W. Mahler, W. P. Hendrick, C. H. Ogden, D. Duncan, F. W. Scarborough, W. J. Crews, Jno. A. Mills, T. T. Ricks, H. D. Bunch, H. A. Carr, Walter Clarke, Jr., A. P. Hardie, E. E. Levy, H. J. Hellig, C. H. Beine, E. M. Martin, John A. Duncan, Van Wyck Hoke, E. H. Fellows, B. W. Baker, A. W Knox.

Dr Knox's Reasons.

"In signing the above paper I desire to say publicly that the saving of a few dollars in taxes and the providing of revenue for the schools and county roads would never alone move me to sign it. I am moved by a far higher consideration, to-wit: That in my judgment the dispensary is a lesser evil than prohibition, and I choose it is such in preference to prohibition.

"If I believed that prohibition would really prohibit the sale of liquor and do away with the drunkenness, I would cheerfully vote for prohibition, but I do not so believe, and in as much as an incidental result of the dispensary is an increase of the funds for schools and roads, I accept that incidental result without hesitation.

"In the light of my obligation as a father to a growing son. I solemnly believe that he is in less danger from the dispensary than he would be from prohibition, and that is with me a large motive in casting my vote against prohibition. I think that every good citizen should have the moral courage to declare his position on an occasion of this kind, and if I loose the good opinion of some of my friends or patrons by voting in accordance with my convictions, I accept the result and will cast my vote from conviction rather than from policy merely. A. W. Knox.

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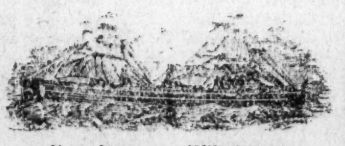

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	No. 45	No. 39
Lv. Wilm't'n	4:00 A. M.	4:00 P. M.
Ar Lumb't'n	6:35 A. M.	6:56 P. M.
Ar Maxton	7:25 A. M.	7:55 P. M.
Ar. Hamlet	8:25 A. M.	8:50 P. M.
Lv. Hamlet	8:45 A. M.	9:15 P. M.
Ar. Monroe	10:50 A. M.	11:15 P. M.
Ar. Ch'lotte	11:45 A. M.	12:15 A. M.

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TO THE BEACH

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(In Effect Sunday, Oct. 13th, 1907.)
Daily Except Sunday.

Wilmington Eastbound	LEAVE Wrightsville Westbound	Beach Westbound
7:00 A M	6:25 A M	
7:30 A M	7:55 A M	7:45 A M
8:30 A M	8:25 A M	8:15 A M
10:00 A M	9:25 A M	9:15 A M
11:30 A M	10:55 A M	10:45 A M
1:00 P M	12:25 P M	12:15 P M
2:30 P M	1:55 P M	1:45 P M
3:00 P M	3:25 P M	3:15 P M
4:00 P M	4:25 P M	4:15 P M
5:30 P M	5:25 P M	5:15 P M
6:15 P M	6:25 P M	6:15 P M
7:00 P M	7:25 P M	7:15 P M
8:00 P M	7:55 P M	7:45 P M
9:30 P M	8:55 P M	8:45P M
11:00 P M	10:25 P M	10:15 P M
	11:25 P M	

Freight Schedule

Leave Wilmington 4:00 P. M. (daily except Sunday).

Freight received at Ninth and Orange from 3 to 4 P. M.

CAROLINA PLACE SCHEDULE

Cars will be operated between Front and Princess and Seventeenth and Market every 20 minutes. Leaving Front and Princess at 6:55 A. M. until 9:55 P. M.

Leaving Seventeenth and Market from 7:05 A. M. until 10:05 P. M. All Suburban cars will make regular stops at Delgado.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE.

Wilmington Eastbound	LEAVE Wrightsville Westbound	Beach Westbound
9:00 A M		
10:00 A M	9:55 A M	9:45 A M
11:30 A M	10:55 A M	10:45 A M
1:00 P M	12:25 P M	12:15 P M
2:30 P M	1:55 P M	1:45 P M
3:00 P M	3:25 P M	3:15 P M
4:00 P M	4:25 P M	4:15 P M
5:30 P M	5:25 P M	5:15 P M
6:15 P M	6:25 P M	6:15 P M
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WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 24, 1907.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Tuesday, December 24.

Temperature at 8 A. M. 42 degrees; 8 P. M. 44 degrees; maximum, 55 degrees; minimum, 43 degrees; mean, 48 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .52; rainfall for the month, 2.26.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Monday, 7 feet, 2 inches.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair Wednesday and Thursday, light to fresh West winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 25.

Sun Rises .....7:09 A. M.
Sun Sets .....4:51 P. M.
Day's Length .. .. ..9 hrs. 41 min.
High water at Southport 11:03 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 1:33 P. M.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. Edward Weaver will leave today for a short visit to Southern Pines.

—Mr. E. P. Schulken, of Wallace, N. C., is in the city to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

—Miss Alvah Brown, of Goldsboro, is in the city spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. H. Atkinson.

—Messrs. C. B. Register and R. N. Bowden, two well known young men of Goldsboro, were in the city yesterday on a short pleasure trip.

—Mr. J. LeRoy Croom, a student of Mercer University at Macon, Ga., is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Croom.

—Mr. Charles B. Willingham, of Atlanta, Ga., arrived in the city last evening to spend the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Geo. L. Peschau.

—Mr. Laurence Von Glahn is at home from the A. and M. College, at Raleigh, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Von Glahn.

Mr. A. D McClure, Jr., of New York City, is at home to spend the holiday season with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. D. McClure.

—Mr. Thomas Rowell, an old Wilmington boy, is in the city and will remain here several days on a visit to relatives.

—Mr. J. L. Stern, who has so successfully conducted the big sale for the Mercantile Bargain House of this city, leaves for New York this morning.

Dr. N. A. Culbreth, a well known young dentist of Jacksonville, N. C., is in the city to spend the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. N. M. Culbreth.

—Miss Mabel Croom arrived yesterday to spend the Christmas season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Croom. Miss Croom is a student at the Southern Presbyterian College at Red Springs.

Miss Mary Foster of Graham, N. C., arrived yesterday afternoon to spend several weeks with her friend, Miss Bessie Bridgers, at the residence of the latter No. 100 South Third street.

Mr. Ernest S. Bulluck, a medical student at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, Md., arrived in the city yesterday to spend the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Bulluck.

THE SALVATION ARMY

Made the Hearts of Many Poor People Happy Today.

Yesterday afternoon the consecrated workers of the Salvation Army post in this city were busily engaged in delivering to the homes of needy families in various parts of the city, baskets stocked with good things to eat. Each home presented with a basket was investigated by the workers several days ago, and it was found that all parties aided with the provisions were worthy, and in need of assistance.

The baskets, fifty in number, presented to an equal number of families, were prepared under the direction of Adjutant and Mrs. Yates, and contained the following articles: Potatoes, apples, onions, corn meal, hominy, rice, coffee, tomatoes, candy bread, sugar,and a live chicken. The supply contained in each basket was fully ample for several meals and the kindly thought which made the Salvation Army workers provide the baskets, will be deeply appreciated by all who received the hampers.

On Thursday night of this week, the Salvation Army will have a Christmas tree for a large number of the poor children of the city. It is expected that at least 400 children will be in attendance and to each of these a present will be given. Addresses will be delivered during the evening by Revs. R. W. Hogue, rector of St. James' Episcopal Church, and A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and by Mayor William E. Springer.

A ROMANTIC MARRIAGE.

Friends Were Surprised When Jones-Castex Nuptials Occurred.

(Special Star Correspondence)

Goldsboro, Dec. 24.—A romantic marriage, which was entirely a surprise, as well to the families of the contracting parties as to their many friends, occurred last night about 9 o'clock, when Mr. Henry Jones, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Jones, and Miss Margaret Castex, the beautiful and popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Castex, and one of the most appreciated members of the Goldsboro Graded School, presented themselves to Rev. F. W. Ferries, accompanied by witnesses and provided with license, and requested that he make them man and wife, which he accordingly did. The happy young couple immediately drove to the westbound Southern train, which they boarded for a bridal trip.

LOCAL DOTS.

—License was issued yesterday for the marriage of Mr. Acy B. Croom, of Pender county, and Miss Minnie Harmon, also of Pender county.

The First Church of Christ, Scientist will hold services this evening at 8:15 o'clock, and the public is accordingly invited to attend.

—License was issued yesterday afternoon for the marriage of Miss Lola L. Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Owens, and Mr. Julius A. Wright.

Sunday hours will be observed at the post office today, but there will be one delivery and one collection, during the day by the mail carriers.

—The regular Sunday schedule will be operated on the Suburban Line today. No freight will be handled today and the freight depot will be closed.

—The schooner E. Marie Brown, Captain Brown, was cleared yesterday for Philadelphia with cargo of 425,000 feet of lumber from the Hammar Lumber Company; vessel by C. D. Maffitt.

A service will be held at Immanuel Presbyterian Church tonight at 8 o'clock to be conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Crowley. Special music will be rendered and a cordial invitation is extended the public to attend.

An automobile ran into a delivery wagon on Chestnut street, near Sixth street, last night about nine o'clock. The driver of the wagon was thrown from his vehicle and badly shaken by the fall he received.

—The members of the police force and fire department are very grateful to Sheriff S. P. Cowan for a Christmas present of one hundred cigars, which the Sheriff presented to the members of the force yesterday.

Christmas services will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Rev. A. W. Seabrease rector, at 11 o'clock today. The offering will be for the Clergy Relief Fund and widows and Orphans of deceased clergymen.

While one of the Western Union Telegraph Company messenger boys was shooting fire crackers in front of the office last night about twelve o'clock, a giant cannon craker exploded in the lad's hand, tearing off a part of the flesh on one finger.

One of the city cars split the switch at the Corner of Front and Princess streets yesterday afternoon while turning from Front, into Princess street. No great damage resulted from the accident, but traffic was delayed for a few minutes by reason of the mishap.

—Through his attorneys, Messrs. Rountree & Carr, suit was instituted yesterday in the Superior Court by V. C. Bordeaux against J. C. Walton and wife, alleging his wrongful dispossession of 360 acres of land on northeast side of Sturgeon Creek, in Cape Fear township, for which judgment is asked together with $100 damages.

—Friends in this city of Mr. Marx S. Nathan, business manager of "The County Chairman" Company will be interested to know that his attraction will play the Christmas week engagement in Louisville, Ky. Attractive post cards received from him this week convey a merry Christmas and New Year greeting.

—A horse attached to a wagon and driven by a foreigner ran away on Second, near Market street, yesterday shortly after noon. In front of one of the stores the runaway dashed into an unoccupied baby carriage in front of a store, knocked off one of the wheels of the smaller vehicle and sent it bounding through the window of the store. Later in front of Davis' stables on Second street the runaway knocked down a post and running down an alley by the Wilmington Iron Works the wagon struck the corner of a building and was demolished. The foreigner was slightly cut above the eye and a wheel of the wagon passed over his leg. Otherwise he was unhurt but badly frightened.

Stock Company Comedy.

"Under the Lion's Paw," is the title of the play in which the Williams Comedy Company will open a week's engagement at the Academy next Monday night, at 3 P. M., and in view of the fact that theatre patrons measure the standard of the repertoire by the opening production it is plausible assertion on the part of the management, that the play for Monday night has been carefully selected, and that every detail both in regards to costume and scenic effects has been duly considered and provided for.

The above society comedy-drama—with its intensely interesting plot involving European titles and American wealth and introducing two comedy roles of exceptional merit perfects a production that is worthy the patronage of the most critical. In addition to the comedy of the play, ten big specialties will intersperse the acts.

Seats can be reserved at Plummer's drug store. Popular prices, 10, 20 and 30 cents.

Badly Mixed Up.

Abraham Brown, of Winterton, N. Y., had a very remarkable experience; he says; 'Doctors got badly mixed up over me; one said heart disease; two called it kidney trouble; the fourth, blood poison, and the fifth stomach and liver trouble; but none of them helped me; so my wife advised trying Electric Bitters, which are restoring me to perfect health. One bottle did me more good than all the five doctors prescribed." Guaranteed to cure blood poison, weakness anl all stomach, live and kidney complaints, by R R. Bellamy, druggist. 50c.

MRS. LESTER L. NEWELL DEAD

Passed Away Yesterday Morning at Family Home in Wilmington.

Many friends will hear with painful sorrow of the death of Mrs. Lester L. Newell, wife of a well known Wilmington young man and a young woman held in the highest esteem by all in the circle of her acquaintance. She passed away yesterday morning at 11:30 o'clock at the home of the family on North Third street. Mrs. Newell was a daughter of Mr. Gerritt Walker, of Middle Sound, and it was but a short time ago that she was claimed as a bride by the devoted young husband, who now mourns his loss. The sorrowing ones have the tenderest sympathy of all in the sorrow that has come to them.

Only last Sunday an infant son only two days old passed away, and was buried and now the young mother follows her child to the grave. The funeral will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the family residence, No. 109 North Third street and friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

FUNERAL OF MR. McLAURIN

Remains Laid to Rest Yesterday Afternoon in Oakdale Cemetery.

In the presence of a large assemblage of sorrowing relatives and friends, impressive funeral services were conducted at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the late residence, No. 619 Orange street, over the remains of the late Mr. John McLaurin, who passed away Monday evening. The services were conducted by the Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. McLaurin was for so long an active member and one of the ruling elders. The only absent member of the family, a daughter, Mrs. Jones, of Durham, arrived on the morning train from her home and was present for the services.

The honorary and active pall-bearers were largely from the session of the church and were as follows:

Colonel John D. Taylor and Messrs. C. W., B. G. and G. C. Worth, J. H. Chadbourn, H. C. McQueen, J. A. Springer, R. A. Brand, C. H. Robinson, A. J. Howell, Jr., J. Pearsall, and Samuel Northrop.

BAD NEGRO ARRESTED

Was Captured Last Night by Officer Leon George.

Officer Leon George of the police force had an exciting time last night about nine o'clock, capturing a negfiro named Jim Trumon. While standing near the Kress store in the Masonic Temple, Mr. George noticed three negroes run down the Custom House alley. He followed them and in answer to an interrogation as to their reason for running, they replied that another negro had drawn a pistol upon them and had threatened to shoot them.

Officer George waited a few moments in the alley with the negroes when Trumon passed the quartet. The policeman hlated the negro and arrested him. Trumon resisted most strenuously but he was finally overcome by the officer, who found a pistol in the negro's pocket. Trumon will be tried by the Mayor Thursday on the charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Will Hold Special Meeting to Consider Liquor Licenses.

A special meeting of the board of Aldermen will be called by Mayor Springer either Thursday or Friday night, for the purpose of passing upon the applications for renewal of liquor licenses, and for the granting of new licenses. The special committee of the board has already considered the applications, and the aldermen at their session will probably pass upon the licenses according to the recommendation of the committee. It is not believed that the water works question will be brought up at the meeting, unless there are some new developments in the matter before the meeting is held.

Funeral of Child.

The order for the burial of the dead was impressively observed yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock over the remains of Bertram Quelch, Jr., the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Quelch, who passed away Monday evening at the family home in this city, No. 606 Walnut street, the Rev. Thos. P. Noe, rector of St. John's, officiating. A number of pretty floral tributes were laid on the casket and the funeral hymns were sweetly rendered by a special choir. The remains were laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery.

Nurses' Christmas Tree.

A Christmas tree, arranged by a number of Wilmington ladies for the nurses at the Walker Memorial hospital, last evening, proved to be a most pleasant surprise to those for whom it was given. Special care had been taken to make the tree as attractive as possible and the various gifts presented to the nurses were of a useful and ornamental nature. Several recitations and songs added to the pleasure of the occasion.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

Died, Tuesday morning, at 11 o'clock, Elizabeth Walker, beloved wife of Lester L. Newell. Funeral today at 3 o'clock from residence, 109 North Third street. Friends invited to attend.

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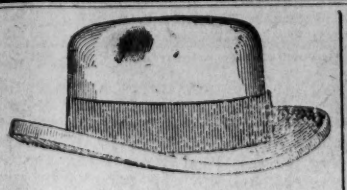

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AN EXCITING OCCURRENCE

Mr. W. E. Watson, When Arrested Last Night by Two Policemen Succeeded in Breaking Away From Them.

Much excitement was created at the corner of Front and Market streets last night about 10:30 o'clock, when Policeman Leon George placed Mr. William E. Watson under arrest. For several hours previous to the hour mentioned a large crowd of young men congregated at that corner and spent the time shooting fire crackers, sky rockets, etc. Yesterday Mayor Springer issued special orders to the members of the police force to watch out for the shooting of fire crackers and to arrest any one guilty of firing what is known as the giant cannon cracker. Previous to arresting Mr. Watson, Officer George had arrested several other young men on the charge of shooting the fire crackers. Mr. George placed Mr. Watson under arrest and when asked the reason stated that it was for shooting fire crackers in violation of the order issued by the Mayor. Mr. Watson wished to discuss the matter with Officer George, whereupon the latter called upon Officer Dement to assist him in caring for his prisoner.

The crowd of young men surged up and down the pavement, jostling against the officers as they sought to carry their prisoner toward Princess street.

Mr. Watson who is a man of most powerful physique, evidently finally decided that he would not submit to arrest, and he started from the sidewalk toward the middle of the street. When he reached the edge of the sidewalk he succeeded in throwing off both officiers and hurriedly made his way accompanied by several friends, down Front street, going through an alley toward Dock street.

Officer George who had on his citizens clothes states that he had neither a pistol nor a club on his person. Officer Dement was in his uniform and had his club in one hand while he and Officer George were attempting to arrest Mr. Watson, but Officer Dement did not try to use the club.

The two officers were joined by several other officers and they started in pursuit of Mr. Watson but the latter disappeared going to Justice Bornemann's home where he was arrested on two charges by Deputy Piver, one for shooting a fire cracker in violation of the city ordinance the other for disorderly conduct.

Officer George went to the City Hall and swore out three warrants against Mr. Watson, one for shooting the fire cracker, another for resisting an officer, and a third for carrying a concealed weapon, the officer alleging that when Mr. Watson broke away and ran, that a pistol dropped from his pocket, which he, the officer, states he picked up and carried to the City Hall.

While Mr. Watson was not concerned in the disorder which prevailed at the corner of Front and Market streets during the early evening as he arrived there only a few minutes before he was arrested by Policeman George, the conduct of the young men composing the crowd was simply disgraceful. Losing sight of the fact that the policemen were merely trying to carry out their orders, the young men jeered and hooted at the officers, making matters as disagreeable as possible for the policemen and whenever possible, openly violated the fire cracker regulation. At times they crowded themselves together in such a manner that it was proctically impossible for pedestrians to pass the corner.

When the officers were attempting to arrest Mr. Watson, the street had the appearance of a small sized riot and the disturbance attracted a large crowd in addition to those already at the corner.

Justice Bornemann recognized Mr. Watson in the sum of $50 in each of the warrants to appear before him at 10 o'clock this morning for trial.

Commendable Action.

Messrs. Walter E. Yopp and E. C. Woodberry, forming a committee from Jeff. Davis Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, yesterday on behalf of the order, presented to a number of families of deceased members of the order a turkey, provisions and gifts for the children in the various families visited. This is a yearly custom with the Council and it carries with it a spirit which is truly commendable.

ANOTHER INFERNAL MACHINE.

This One Was Sent to Archie Carr, But It Went Astray.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Erie, Pa., Dec. 24.—While distributing Christmas bundles in the South Erie sub-postoffice this afternoon an employee became suspicious of a package, the end of which was broken open, and upon making an investigation the package was found to contain an infernal machine so constructed that the opening of the box would cause an explosion that would have undoubtedly killed all persons near it, and set fire to everything in the vicinity.

The package was addressed to Archie Carr, 2208 Cherry street, and had been mailed in this city. The box was turned over to Postmaster Sobel, who called in Chief of Police Wagner. The Chief cut out the side of the box and exposed a bottle and contrivances so arranged that the opening of the lid would pull the cork and ignite several matches.

The following inscription was on the inside wrapper "You may perhaps find the cover will catch a little when you open the box, but pay no attention to it. Merry Christmas."

Dr. J. W. Wright, health officer, after an examination of the bottle said it contains a high explosive.

Toys, Fancy Christmas Goods and Fireworks at Rehder's, Fourth Street and at Market Street store, under Bonitz Hotel 4t

MEMPHIS BANK IS CLOSED

Oldest Financial Institution in the City Closes Its Doors by Order of Chancery Court—Statement is Made.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 24.—"This bank is closed by order of the Chancery Court. E. L. McHenry has been appointed receiver."

The above notice was posted on the doors of the Memphis Savings Bank, one of the oldest institutions in the city at opening time today.

G. W. MacRae, a well known local capitalist, is President and E. L. Menager, Cashier. The bank carries deposits of over a million and a half dollars. Several weeks ago a statement was published that the bank had been heavily loaded with paper of a concern upon which it could not realize. This set many rumors afloat and the bank inserted the following explanation in the daily papers:

"A misapprehension seems to exist in regard to a supposed loss made by this bank. The facts are that an unpaid maturity was immediately made good to the bank by certain of its officers and directors, and the bank sustained no loss whatever. The claim was bought at its face value by said officers and directors and is their property. Whatever is realized from it will belong to them."

President Read, of the Memphis Clearing House Association, said today that the suspension of the Memphis Savings Bank would not affect any other institution in the city. Mr. Read said he felt certain that the depositors in the Memphis Savings Bank would be paid in full.

Later statement was issued by the directors of the bank announcing that the institution was solvent and that creditors would not lose a cent. The statement adds that because of the financial stringency it was deemed wise to close the bank, ask for a receiver and liquidate its affairs.

ACCEPTS CALL.

Rev. G. S. Bearden, of Winston-Salem Comes to St. Matthews.

A telegram was received last night by St. Matthews English Lutheran Church, through the secretary, Mr. W. H. Diehm, from the Rev. George S. Bearden, of Winston-Salem, which stated that he would accept the call recently extended to him by the local church. He is to assume his new duties on or about February 1st, 1908, a private telegram to the same effect as the one outlined above, having been received last evening by Mr. W. W. Koch, of this city.

Strenuous efforts were made by the members of the Winston-Salem congregation to induce Mr. Bearden to recall his acceptance of the Wilmington pulpit, but after giving the matter careful consideration, Mr. Bearden decided to adhere to his determination to come to Wilmington. Mr. Bearden is a consecrated minister, a splendid preacher, and an earnest pastor and he will be tendered a most cordial welcome, not only by the membership of his new congregation, but by the entire community.

A BLOODY CHRISTMAS.

Whites and Blacks Were Both Busy Down New Orleans Way.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New Orleans, Dec. 24.—Five men killed by pistol or knife, in Louisiana and Mississippi during the last twenty-four hours is the record up to today of Christmas week fights in this section.

At Covington, La., Henry Route, a negro entered the front yard of a Mr. Bradley, white, inviting the latter to settle a money matter by coming out to shoot it out. Bradley killed the negro.

At New Albany, Miss., Edwin Hill house, a section foreman, shot and killed Martin Arnold, also a section man. Both are white.

Valden, Miss., was the scene of a terrible fight which cost the lives of both participants, Maury Davis, white and William Spinx, a negro.

A love affair at Greenville, Miss., caused Edward Smith, a negro railroad man, to seek out and kill Jim English, another negro.

RECEIVER IS APPOINTED.

Governor Smith is Interesting Himself in Behalf of Depositors.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 24.—The Central Bank and Trust Corporation of which Asa G. Candler is President, was late today appointed receiver of the National Bank which failed to open its doors for business last Monday.

The Central Bank will take immediate charge of the affairs of the failed bank and liquidate its business as soon as possible. It is generally believed that depositors will be paid dollar for dollar in the end.

Governor Smith said today: "The Attorney General and myself are doing everything in our power to safeguard the depositors of the Neal Bank. I want the depositors to understand that their interests will be considered to the very best of our ability."

THE PEOPLE ALL

In Chorus Cried, Give Us Newbro's Herpicide.

This word of late has been in everyone's mouth, and many are wondering what the word signifies, though no one has yet been found, who will deny that NEWBRO'S HERPICIDE does the work. Well, for the information of thousands of people who like to know all about a good thing, we would say that HERPICIDE means, a destroyer or killer of "Herpes," Now "Herpes" is the family name of a disease caused by various vegetable parasites. A similar microbe causes dandruff, itching scalp, and falling hair; this is the microbe that NEWBRO'S HERPICIDE promptly destroys; after which the hair grows. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

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HARDIN'S PHARMACY, Special Agt.

TAYLOR DENIES IT ALL.

Big Crowd Attends the Trial of Caleb Powers in Kentucky.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Georgetown, Ky., Dec. 24.—In the expectation that James Howard, chief witness for the defense would take the stand, a large crowd was in attendance at the opening of the Powers trial today. The reading of Governor W. S. Taylor's deposition, which was begun late yesterday, was continued. Taylor in his deposition made a general denial of the charges that he had any knowledge or participated in a plot to murder Goebel, as made by Youtsey, Golden and Noakes.

Two important witnesses were next put on the stand. These were N. P. McGlove and J. M. Hardgrove. McGlove testified that Youtsey after his arrest and while in the Frankfort jail admitted to him that he had filed off a key to Powers' private office the day Goebel was killed and that Powers and Captain John Davis ought not to have accepted a pardon and left Frankfort, as somebody would think them guilty of the crime.

Hardgrove stated he saw Youtsey emerge from Powers' private office, directly after the shooting, hatless and coatless, with a pistol in his hand, and apparently very much excited. Hardgrove said he put the Commonwealth in possession of the facts before Powers' third trial, but that he was not called to testify as a witness.

Captain Stephen G. Sharp, United States District Marshal and former State Treasurer testified that directly after the shooting of Goebel, he went to Governor Taylor and offered his services to defend him. Governor Taylor directed him to take charge of the defense of the building which he did, not allowing anybody to enter. He said he thought the protection of the highest officer in the State more important than anything else. Captain Sharp startled the court and spectators by stating that three days before Goebel was shot, he (Sharp) was given reliable information by prominent Democrats that the Democrats had ordered two thousand guns and ammunition for the same, and that men would be on hand to man the guns and that Taylor and other Republican State officials would be forcibly ejected from office. This, he said, was why armed Republicans were about the executive building and why State troops had been notified to be in readiness to move as he had communicated these facts both to Governor Taylor and Adjutant General Collier.

James Howard took the stand this afternoon. He said that at the time Goebel was shot he (Howard) was in the public room of the board of Trade Hotel at Frankfort. A man named Robinson stepped out in front of the hotel and brought back the information that Goebel was shot. Howard and others in the room jumped up and ran to the door horrified at the news.

After the shooting Howard went to the Capitol Hotel with the others but he did not see Goebel then, and in fact never saw him before to know him. Howard denied emphatically that he ever received a letter from Taylor or Youtsey asking him to come to Frankfort. He did not know Youtsey and never saw him. The witness further said he did not know Youtsey and never saw him until both had been tried and convicted and were in jail at Frankfort. He then was introduced to Youtsey in the Frankfort jail by Mrs. Youtsey in the presence of Mrs. Howard, his wife, and others. Howard said he did not know he was charged with the assassination until he saw in the newspapers that he had been indicted. About the same time a bench warrant had been sent to Clay county for his arrest. As soon as notified he had been indicted he surrendered to Sheriff White and accompanied him to Frankfort to give himself up and answer the charge against him. Since then he had not had a day's freedom. Howard most emphatically denied that he was on the State House Square at any time during the morning of January 30 when Goebel was shot; said that he was not inside the executive building that morning, that he never saw Governor Taylor or Youtsey and declared that he had absolutely nothing to do with the assassination. The witness admitted that late in the afternoon of the day Goebel was shot he with others visited Capital Square, going as far as the steps of the executive building.

Howard stated that he and Youtsey were in jail together at Frankfort. Before Youtsey made a confession Youtsey said: "Howard so far as I know you are innocent of any connection with the Goebel assassination, but Arthur Goebel is cruel and willing to see the Kentucky river run with innocent blood."

Howard added: "Youtsey gave me an affidavit that he knew nothing against me."

Howard was not cross examined, the only question asked him was whether he had not been tried and convicted three times and his case appealed to the Supreme Court.

The condition os John Mitchell, President of the United Mine Workers of America is improving but he is still weak and not able to leave his room.

Fancy Pillow Tops, Germantown yarns, Peerless slipper soles, Children's bear skin suits, raincoats, Crawford shoes, at Rehder's, the Big Store. North Fourth street. 4t

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WANTED—For U. S. Army: able-bodied unmarried men between ages of 21 and 35; citizens of United States, of good character and temperate habits, who can speak, read and write English. Men wanted now for service in Cuba. For information apply to Recruiting Officer, 101 Princess st., Wilmington, N. C. au 15 to de 31

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THIRTY-SECOND SERIES—The Clarendon Savings & Loan Association will open its 32nd series of stock on Saturday the 4th day of January 1908. This association has for past years opened and matured two series each year. Stock to this new series can now be obtained by applying to either of officers named below. Subscribe now and avoid the rush on the last day. D. C. Love, President; Walker Taylor, Vice President; H. McClammy, attorney; S. P. Collier, secretary.

To the Trade:

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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dec 25 tf

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Nothing in the way of a Christmas gift will give so much pleasure to so many for so long a time as an Edison Phonograph. The enjoyment it affords is the kind that lasts and the kind that every member of the family appreciates. It is a gift, not for the time being, but for all time, taking on a new interest with every new record.

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ACADEMY
FRIDAY NIGHT, DEC. 27th.
Mr. Jules Murry Presents
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Seats on sale Thursday at Plummer's. Scale to $1.50.
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COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover County made in the cause of Ralph M. Harrelson, Administrator of Joseph Todd, deceased, versus Helen M. Todd et al, the undersigned Commissioner appointed by said decree will sell, to the highest bidder, for cash, at public auction, on Saturday, January 25th, 1908, at twelve o'clock M., at the Court House door of said County, in the City of Wilmington, the following described lot of land in said City: Beginning in the Eastern line of Ninth street 154 feet South of the Southern line of Castle street; runs thence Southwardly along Ninth street 44 1-2 feet; thence Eastwardly parallel with Castle street 70 feet; thence Northwardly 44 1-2 feet; thence Westwardly 70 feet to the beginning, being part of Lots 1, 2 and 3 Block 81.

WM. M. BELLAMY,
dec 25 30d Commissioner.

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We Wish Everybody a Merry Christmas and Wish To Thank You for Your Very Liberal Patronage.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Asheville, Dec. 23.—Ben Presley, of Arden and Dave Fowler, were struck by a switch engine in the Southern Railway yard at Biltmore late this afternoon and badly injured. Presley lost a leg and Fowler an arm, Both men were otherwise badly bruised and injured. Fowler is not expected to live.

—Charlotte, Dec. 24.—The cotton market went to pieces yesterday for some cause either real or imaginary. A little was sold on the local market as low as 10.50 cents, not much, however. The holiday dullness is on in the market and there will be little to incite interest until next week. There will be no market Wednesday and Thursday, of this week, and Wednesday, of next week.

—Laurinburg, Dec. 24.—The American Realty and Auction Company, of Greensboro, has purchased a number of residence lots on what is called "Middleton Heights," and will offer them for sale December 31st. With the great demand for houses that now exists in this town, these lots will readily sell for fancy prices, and the sale will prove a blessing to Laurinburg people.

—Gastonia, Dec. 24.—A very impressive ceremony took place in St. Mark's Episcopal church here Sunday morning when Rt. Rev. Junius M. Horner of Asheville, ordained to the priesthood the following: Alfred Stratton Lawrence, of Highlands; Eugene Defhead, of Wilkesboro; Rev. J. Norton Atkins, of Blowing Rock, and Rev. William Hill Hardin, rector of St. Mark's, Gastonia. The ordination sermon was preached by Archdeacon Percy C. Webber, of Berton, of the Diocese of Milwaukee.

—Elkin, Dec. 24.—A large crowd attended the funeral of Mr. J. Walter Hendricks, who met a tragic death by an assassin's hand Friday in the notorious Smithtown community in Stokes county. The remains reached here on the noon train Saturday and were taken to the home of his mother, Mrs. A. L. Hendricks, in Elkin Valley. The funeral services were held in the Baptist church at 2 o'clock, conducted by Revs. W. A. Staley and D. M. Litaker, after which the remains were taken to Hollywood cemetery and laid to rest.

—Mount Airy, Dec. 24.—Young Mayburn, arrested for stealing the pocketbook of Hurley Siceloff, was lodged in Surry jail Friday, Mr. Siceloff is agent for the Minick Coal Co., of this city, and laid his money on the counter at his office to answer a phone call, and upon turning his back on the cash and the young man in the room, the fellow, it is charged, picked up the pocketbook and disappeared. Upon being arrested the pocketbook and perhaps two-thirds of the money was found on his person. In default of bond Mayburn was sent to jail to await trial at Surry Superior court.

Clinton, Dec. 23.—The Sampson Bar Association has passed the following resolution: "Resolved, That the Sampson Bar Association do tender to Hon. W. R. Allen, its sincere thanks for the fair, impartial and able manner in which he has conducted the present term of court, and we further desire to show our appreciation for his kindness in voluntarily responding to our petition for said special term to be presided by him.

"And in further token of our esteem, and as a slight testimonial of our personal regards for him as a man, and a judge, we do present to him a pair of monogram cuff-buttons

"H. A. GRADY, Chairman,
"JOHN E. FOWLEY,
"W. F. SESSOMS, C. S. C.
"Committee on Resolutions."

—Goldsboro, Dec. 24.—About five o'clock yesterday afternoon our people were shocked to learn of the sudden death of Mr. Frank M. Caldwell son of Mr. J. H. Caldwelll, of the Walters section of this country. Mr. Caldwell, who is night engineer at the electric light station about a mile northwest of the city, went on duty about five o'clock. He was drinking and through a misstep got caught in the belting and the piston rod of the engine struck him in the head, killing him almost instantly. Coroner E. C. Stanley was notified and at once went to the scene and brought the body of the unfortunate man to this city, where at this writing he is laying at the undertaker's office. Mr. Caldwell is about forty years of age and has many friends in this city who regret to learn of his untimely taking away. He was the soul of honor and although at times addicted to drink, no man possibly in Goldsboro had more friends or well wishers.

—Raleigh News and Observer: Mr. E. J. Ragsdale, of Fuquay Springs, a prominent tobacco man, was in Raleigh yesterday, returning home from a visit to several markets in eastern Carolina. Mr. Ragsdale has been active in farmers' organizations in this State, and is said to have organized the first tobacco growers' association in North Carolina. In speaking of the tobacco situation he said: "The crop of 1907 is about sold in the East the average has been higher than for several years, and it is up to the farmers to maintain present good condition and prices by not overplanting another year. The famous consolidated tobacco companies have made a grand success of their undertaking, and it only remains for the farmers to stand by these organizations, such as they have at Greenville, Apex, LaGrange and Robersonville; enlarge their operations and buy on a number of eastern markets and form a central organization, and they will soon control the tobacco situation."

Toys, Fancy Christmas Goods and Fireworks at Rehder's, Fourth Street and at Market Street store, under Bonitz Hotel. 4t

Christmas Greetings

ON this one day we all realize that there is something better than mere cold business—something more inspiring than the pursuit of dollars—in this good old world, after all. The Christmas spirit which is abroad in the land is everywhere softening the hardest natures today, and carrying that feeling of peace, good will and good wishes that make all mankind kin.

In the spirit of the day it is fitting for the Kress Stores to proffer to their hosts of friends sincere good wishes and earnest appreciation of their hearty support and continued patronage.

Merry Christmas!

And may the New Year bring to you *every* possible joy and good cheer with many happy Yuletide seasons yet to come.

May that Christmas Spirit so heartfelt and soul-warming be with you the day long and may you feel that blessedly human inspiration so well summed up by Charles Dickens' Tiny Tim in the words: "God bless everybody!"

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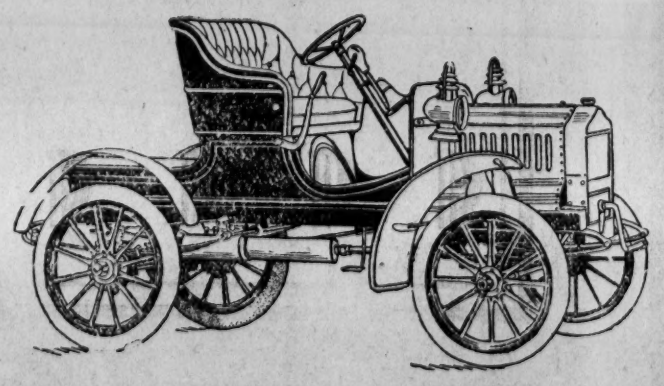

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FRANK HERBST. Sole Agent.

STATEMENT

Report of the Condition of THE ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK, at Wilmington in the State of North Carolina, at the Close of Business, December 3rd, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts		$ 669,720.86
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		1,254 21
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		125,000 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		50,000 00
Bonds, securties, etc		149,100 00
Banking House Furniture and fixtures		20,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)		117,316 74
Due from State Banks and bankers		70,916 15
Due from approved reserve agents		48,125 63
Checks and other cash items		907 46
Notes of other National Banks		15,485 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents		2,518 58
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$84,740 75	
Legal tender notes	61,860 00	146,600 75
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)		7,064 47
Total		$1,424,009 85

LIABILITIES.

Captital stock paid in		$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund		125,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		92,062 33
National Bank notes outstanding		125,000 00
Due to other national Banks		66,119 03
Due to State Banks and Bankers		107,089 94
Dividends unpaid		873 00
Individual deposits subject to check		721,600 30
Certified checks		40 00
Cashier's checks outstanding		11,225 25
United States deposits		50,000 00
Total		$1,424,009 85

State of North Carolina,
County of New Hanover.

I J. W. Yates, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. YATES,
Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 4th day of December, 1907.

W. C. ARMSTRONG,
Notary Public.

Correct Attest:
D. McEACHERN,
WM. E. WORTH,
C. W. YATES,
Directors.
dec 5 tf

Report of the conditions of

THE PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK
Wilmington, N. C.

At the close of business December 3rd, 1907.

Resources:

Loans and Discounts		$609,417 64
All other stocks, bonds and Mortgages		10,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures		2,246 05
Cash on Hand and in Banks		110,136 21
Total		$731,799 90

Liabilities:

Capital Stock		$ 30,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		50,792 99
Dividends Unpaid		7.50
Deposits subject to check	$511,257 46	
Demand Certificates of Deposits	139,741 95	650,999 41
Total		$731,799 90

I, F. W. Dick, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. W. DICK, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 5th day of December, 1907.

C. S. GRAINGER,
Notary Public.

Correst Attest,
M. W. DIVINE,
J. A. SPRINGER,
H. C. McQUEEN,
Directors.
dec 6-tf.

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Schedule Steamer Atlantic

Effective September 1st.

Until further notice, Steamer Atlantic will leave Southport daily at 7:30 o'clock A. M. Leave Wilmington daily, except Sunday, at 2-30 o'clock P. M.

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XMAS HOLIDAY RATES VIA SEABOARD.

The Seaboard announces low Xmas and New Year Holiday rates of one and one-third first class fares plus 25 cents based on rates effective prior to July 1st 1907. Tickets to be sold December 20th to 25th inclusive and December 30th, 31st and January 1st with final return limit January 6th.

For rates and time tables apply to the undersigned.

C. H. GATTIS,
Traveling Passenger Agent,
dec 12 to jan 1 Raleigh, N. C.

Atlantic Coast Line

Schedule in Effect November 17, 1907

NOTICE.

The arrivals and departures are given as information, as well as connections with other companies; but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48.	No. 42.
Lv. Wilmington	9.40 am	7.00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:50 pm	9:55 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount	3:55 pm	11:40 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	3:42 am
Ar. Norfolk	8:30 pm	
Ar. Wilson	1:58 pm	10:52 pm
Ar. Petersburg	7:05 pm	5:38 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	6:25 am
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm	10:05 am
Ar. Baltimore	1:43 am	11:20 am
Ar. Philadelphia	4:25 am	1:41 pm
Ar. New York	7:23 am	4:15 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41.	No. 49.
Lv. New York	9:25 am	9:25 pm
Ar. Philadelphia	11:55 am	12:15 am
Ar. Baltimore	2:15 pm	2:46 am
Ar Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 am
Lv. Norfolk		8:30 am
Lv. Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar. Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar. Weldon	9:59 pm	11:28 am
Ar. Rocky Mount	11:03 pm	12:55 pm
Ar. Wilson	11:50 pm	1:59 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	6.15 am	3.12 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9.35 am	6.10 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wil't'n	5:15 am	3:35 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Flor.	9:05 am	7:30 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Col'bia	12:25 pm	11:10 pm	am
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:37 pm	7:30 am
Ar. Sav'n	6:55 pm	2:45 am	9:54 am
Ar. J'k'ville		9:00 am	2:20 pm
Ar. Tampa		7:15 pm	11:00 pm

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa	9:00 pm	10:20 am
Lv. Jacksonville	9:30 am	7:35 pm
Ar. Savannah	1:41 pm	11:59 am
Lv. Charleston	6:12 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:34 pm	8:55 am
Ar. Wilmington	1:10 am	1:20 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	Westbound. Daily.	Eastbound. Daily.
Lv. Wilmington	8:40 am	Ar. 8:15 pm
Lv. Fayetteville	12:10 pm	Ar. 4:55 pm
Ar. Sanford	1:40 pm	Lv. 3:40 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEW BERN.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

	Northbound.	Southbound.
Lv. Wilmington	3:20 pm	1:00 pm
Ar. Newbern	7:00 pm	Lv. 9:25 am

Trains No. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Pennsylvania R. R., for all points east.

Trains No. 48 and 49 carry Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.

Trains No. 55 and 50 carry Pullman Sleeper between Wilmington and Columbia.

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J. W. Norwood, Pres; H. Walters, Vice President; C. E. Taylor, Jr., Cashier; J. L. Williams, Asst.
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de 19-1m

COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 24.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market quiet 40 3-4 cents.

ROSIN—Market, quiet $2.60.

TAR—Market, nothing doing.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm $2.00 per barrel for hard, $3.00 for dip and $3.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm 66 1-2; rosin firm steady $3.70; tar firm $2.35; crude turpentine, $3.35, $4.50; $4.50.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine .. .. —
Rosin 148
Tar 68
Crude turpentine 20

Receipts same day last year 43 casks spirits turpentine; 229 barrels rosin; 408 barrels tar; 179 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady at 10 13-16 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Firm at 10 3-8 cents for middling.

Receipts—4,244 bales, same day last year 2,619 bales. ....

PRODUCE MARKET.

PEANUTS—North Carolina Prime 80c, extra prime, 85c; fancy, 90c per bushel of 28 pounds; Virginia—No. 1, 60c; fancy 65@66c; Spanish, 85@90c.

CORN—Firm, 80@82 1-2 per bushel for white; 78@80 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, 17c per pound; shoulders 12 1-2@13; sides dull, 12 1-2@13c.

EGGS—Dull at 25c. per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@30c. for large springs; growns, firm, 30@35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 24c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2@5c. per per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2 per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dry flint, 8 to 9c; green 4 to 5c per pound.

PORK—Firm at 7@10c. per pound.

TURKEYS—Firm at 15c on foot; 18@20c. dressed.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 65@70c per bushel.

CHEESE—Firm, 60@70c per head.

COW PEAS — $1.40@$1.50 per bushel; white peas, $2.50 to $2.75 per bushel.

WOOL—Firm at 23@24c per pound.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 24.—The cotton market was a very tame affair, with trading of a holiday character and sales estimated at only 125,000 bales. The close was steady at a net decline of two points to an advance of two points.

The market opened steady at a decline of one to four points, in response to lower Liverpool cables and reports that a Memphis saving bank had failed, but after the first few minutes prices rallied to about a shade over the closing figures of the previous day, on covering, and a cable to the exchange from Liverpool stating that the government estimated the Indian crop at 2,900,000 bales against 4,800,000 last year. Subsequent movements were narrow and irregular and during the afternoon business was practically at a standstill. There was very little news as to spot conditions in the South and there appeared to be no change in the general situation. The Indian crop estimate was in line with recent advices and had no important effect on the sentiment.

The market at New Orleans, Liverpool and New York will be closed for Wednesday and Thursday.

Receipts at the ports today, 94,240 bales against 97,738 last week and 56,220 last year. For the week, 350,000 bales against 300,215 last week and 311,500 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans, 32,919 bales against 24,982 last year and at Houston 28,289 bales against 14,871 last year.

Spot closed steady; middling uplands 11.70; middling gulf 11.95; sales 400 bales.

Futures Steady.

December 10.90		11.00
Jenuary 10.26		10.31
February 10.31		10.42
March 10.52		10.53
April 10.53		10.56
May 10.55		10.58
June 10.57		10.57
July 10.54		10.53
August 10.35		10.38
October 9.98		9.98

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Quiet, 11 1-2; net receipts 32,502.

New Orleans—Quiet, 11 1-4; net rfeceipts 32,919.

Mobile—Steady, 10 7-8; net receipts 3,997.

Savannah—Quiet, 10 9-16; net receipts 12,981.

Charleston—Nominal—Net receipts 616.

Wilmington—Steady, 10 3-16; net ceipts 4,240.

Norfolk—Dull, 11 3-16; net receipts 6,197.

Baltimore—Nominal, 11 3-8.

New York—Steady, 11.70; net receipts 40.

Boston—Steady, 11.70.

Philadelphia—Steady, 11.95; net receipts 144.

Pensacola—Net receipts 300.

Total today, at all ports, net receipts 93,240; Great Britain 24,543; Continent 57,403; Japan 3,000; Stocks 973,130.

Consolidated, at all ports, net receipts 197,726; Great Britain 65,167; France 8,014; Continent 119,298; Japan 3,000.

Total since September 1st, at all ports, net receipts 4,659,104; Great Britain 1,493,075; France 425,537; Continent 1,511,217; Japan 55,432; Mexico 1,020.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Steady, 11 3-8; net receipts 28,289.

Augusta—Quiet, 11; net receipts 3,320.

Memphis—Steady, 11 3-8; net receipts 5,231.

St. Louis—Steady, 11 5-8; net receipts 649.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 183.

Louisville—Firm, 11 1-2.

Little Rock—Steady, 10 3-4; net receipts 1,283.

Total today—Net receipts 38,955; gross receipts 42,599; shipments 34,623; sales 1,008; stocks 305,554.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Cable to The Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Dec. 24.—Cotton: Small business done for spot, prices 10 points lower. American middling 6.66; good middling 6.30; middling 6.04; low middling 5.70; good ordinary 5.28; ordinary 4.78.

The sales of the day were 3,000 bales of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 2,700 American. Receipts, 4,000 bales, including 38,600 American.

Futures opened easier and closed steady. American middling G. O. C.: December 5.65; December and January 5.65; January and February, 5.66; February and March, 5.67; March and April, 5.68; April and May, 5.68 1-2; May and June, 5.69; June and July, 5.69; July and August, 5.66; August and September, 5.58; September and October, 5.46 1-2; October and November, 5.36 1-2.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 24.—The cotton goods market was on the dull side for the day but more trade is passing than was in evidence two weeks back. Converters and cutters will take goods in small lots but they demand them at very low figures, which mills are in no hurry to make. The jobbers will begin their clearance sales Thursday morning. The event will offer retailers special opportunities for their January and February business. The impression is found in some quarters of the print cloth market that low prices have been overdiscounted in the sales between second hands and that in another week it will be apparent that mills cannot accept new business on the terms offered unless there is a very radical change in the cost of production.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 24.—The Stock Exchange might almost as well not have been in session today for anything that was accomplished. There was a slight spurt of activity in the first hour and after that the market became lethargic.

The holiday influence was partly responsible for this, although there was lacking the usual trimming process caused by closing up of accounts over the holiday, such outstanding accounts being apparently at a minimum.

News of a Memphis savings bank being closed, kept alive the bad impression caused by Monday's bank happenings at Atlanta and New Orleans. The abstract of condition of National banks throughout the country shown by response to the controller's call for December 3 was regarded as re-assuring as to the condition of the banking fabric as a whole. The stagnant conditions increased as the day progressed.

Bonds were steady. Total sales par value, $1,018,000. United States bonds were unchanged, on call. Total sales of stocks today, 162,400 shares.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 24.—Money on call firm 6 to 24, closing bid 6 offered at 8. Time loans firm; sixty days, 15 and ninety days, 12 per cent. Six months, 8 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 7 1-2 to 8 per cent. Sterling exchange very weak with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8425 to 4.8430 for demand and at 4.7925 to 4.7950 for sixty day bills. Commercial bills, 4.78. Bar silver 52 3-4. Mexican dollars 41.

New York Bonds.

U. S. refunding 2s reg 104	1-2
U. S. refunding 2s cou.....105	
U. S. 3s reg.....101	1-2
U. S. 3s cou.....101	1-2
U. S. new 4s reg.....119	
U. S. new 4s cou.....119	
American Tobacco Co. 4s 60	
American Tobacco Co. 6s 94	
Atlantic Coast Line 4s 85	1-2
Baltimore & Ohio 4s 96	
L. & N. Unified 4s 95	1-2
Seaboard Air Line 4s..... 65	
Southern Railway 5s 94	
U. S. Steel 5s 84	

Closing Stock List.

Amalgamated Copper 45	1-8
American Car Foundry 29	1-2
American Car Foundry pfd ....86@90	
American Cotton Oil Co 29	
Amr. Cotton Oil Co. pfd .....70@85	
American Locomotive 35	
American Smelting & Ref 71	1-2
Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd 89	1-2
American Sugar Refining 98	3-8
Amr. Tobacco pfd cert 98	7-8
Atchison 70	1-2
Atchison pfd 85	
Atlantic Coast Line 67	
Baltimore & Ohio pfd..... 82	7-8
Baltimore & Ohio pfd 81	7-8
Chesapeake & Ohio 30	3-8
Kansas City Southern..... 24	
Kansas City Southern pfd..... 52	
L. & N. 91	1-2
New York Central 90	1-4
Norfolk & Western 64	
Norfolk & Western pfd .....72@71	
Pennsylvania 111	3-8
People's Gas .. ..55@61	
Reading 94	1-8
Reading 2nd pfd 74	
Rock Island Co 14	3-4
Rock Island Co. pfd..... 29	
Southern Pacific 72	7-8
Southern Pacific pfd 108	1-4
Southern Railway 12	1-2
Southern Railway pfd 36	
Tenn., Coal & Iron 95	
U. S. Steel 25	1-2
U. S. Steel pfd 87	1-2
Va.-Car. Chemical 16	
Va. Car. Chemical pfd .....85@90	
Seaboard Air Line	
Seaboard Air Line pfd	
Standard Oil 433	
Western Union 55	

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 24.—Flour—Quiet but firmly held.

Rye flour—Firm.

Buckwheat flour—Steady.

Corn meal—Firm.

Rye—Firm; No. 2 Western, 91.

Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red 1.06 elevator. Options 1c net higher. December 1.07 1-2; May 1.12 1-2; JJuly 1.05 5-8.

Corn—Spot easy; No. 2 elevator 72. Options 1-8c net higher. December 71; May 67.

Oats—Spot easy; mixed 54.

Lard—Easy; Western prime 8.10 to 8.20.

Pork—Steady.

Tallow—Steady; City 5 3-8; country 5 1-8 to 5 3-8.

Rice—Quiet.

Molasses—Steady.

Sugar—Raw refining quiet, 3.30 to 3.35; centrifugal 96 test 3.85; molasses sugar 3.00 to 3.05. Refined quiet.

Coffee—Spot quiet; Rio No. 7, 6 1-8; Santos No. 4, 8c. Mild coffee quiet; Cordova 9 1-2 to 13. Futures net unchanged to five points lower.

Butter—Firm, unchanged.

Cheese—Quiet, unchanged.

Eggs—Weak; nearby selected white 38 to 40; good to choice 32 to 36; brown and mixed fancy 34; average best 31 to 33; first to extra first 28 to 30.

Freights and Peanuts—Steady unchanged.

Potatoes—Steady, unchanged.

Cabbages—Easy, unchanged.

Cotton seed oil firm on light offerings and professional bull support. Prime crude 29 to 29 1-2; prime summer yellow 37 1-2 to 38; off summer yellow 36 to 38; good off summer yellow 36 1-2 to 38; prime white 37 to 42; prime winter yellow 49 to 60.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Dec. 24.—An alleged scarcity of wheat in the northwest caused an advance of more than one cent in the price of wheat here today. At the close, May wheat was 7-8 to 1c higher. Corn was up 1-4 to 3-8c, oats were 1-8 lower, provisions were 5to 7 1-2 lower.

Leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—December, 98 3-4; May, 1.05 7-8 to 1.06; July, 98 3-8.

Corn—December, 57; May, 58 1-8; July, 57 1-4.

Oats—May, old, 53 3-8; May, new, 51 7-8; July, old, 47 1-2; July, new, 45 1-4.

Mess pork, per barrel—January, 12.42 1-2; May, 13.05.

Lard, per 100 pounds—January, 7.65; May, 7.77 1-2.

Short ribs, per 100 pounds—January, 6.67 1-2; May, 7.02 1-2.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, steady; No. 2 spring wheat, 1.08; No. 3, 1.00 to 1.10; No. 2 red, 97 3-4 to 98 3-4; No. 2 corn, 58 1-2 to 59; No. 2 yellow 62 to 62 1-2; No. 2 oats, 48 7-8; No. 3 white 46 to 50; No. 2 rye, 78; fair to choice malting, 88 to 95; No. 1 northwestern, 1.15 1-4; prime timothy seed, 4.30 to 4.35; clover contract grades, 16.50; short ribs, sides (loose) 6.62 1-2 to 7.12 1-2; mess pork, per barrel, 12.00 to 12.12 1-2; lard, per 100 pounds, 7.80; short clear sides (boxed), 7.00 to 7.25; whiskey, basis of high wines, 1.35.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 24.—Rosin quiet; turpentine steady at 45.

Savannah, Dec. 24.—Turpentine firm, 41; sales 330; receipts 733; shipments 95.

Rosin, firm; sales 3,315; receipts 3,579; shipments 1,422; stock 115,207; Quote: A B C, 2.55; D, 2.75; E, 2.75; F, 2.90; G, 2.90; H, 2.95; I, 3.50; K, 4.50; M, 5.25; N, 6.00; W G, 6.00; W W, 6.00.

Charleston, Dec. 24.—Turpentine and rosin. nothing doing.

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CLEARED.

Schr. E. Marie Brown, Brown, Philadelphia, C. D. Maffitt.

Exports—Coastwise.

Philadelphia—Schr. E. Marie Brown, 425,000 feet lumber; cargo by Hammer Lumber Co.; vessel by C. D. Maffitt.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 24, 1907.

C. C. Railroad—514 bales cotton.

W. & W. Railroad—775 bales cotton.

W., C. & A. Railroad—2,896 bales cotton, 3 barrels rosin, 16 barrels tar.

A. & Y. Railroad—59 bales cotton, 5 barrels rosin, 42 barrels tar.

Str. Alice—10 barrels tar, 20 barrels crude turpentine.

Launch Virginia—140 barrels rosin.

Total—4,244 bales cotton, — casks spirits turpentine, 148 barrels rosin, 68 barrels tar, 20 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

Silver Wings (Br.) 1,826 tons, Morgan, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Ness, (Br.), 1,963 tons, Page, Heide & Co.

Arroyo, (Br.), 2,307 tons, Clough, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Dacre Hill, (Br.) 1,714 tons, Kendall, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Byglands, (Nor.) 1,640 tons, Olsen, C. D. Maffitt.

Lord Derby, (Br.), 2,401 tons, Henrickson, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Sierra Blanca (Br.) 2,338 tons, Gruchy Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Admiral (Br.), 83 tons, Pearce, Springer Coal Co.

Massachusetts, 437 tons, Lane, C. D. Maffitt.

John M. Brown, 270 tons, Stevens, C. D. Maffitt.

Howard B. Peck, 448 tons, Dodd, C. D. Maffitt.

Here's Good Advice.

O. S. Woolever, one of the best known merchants of Le Raysville, N. Y., says: "If you are every troubled with piles, apply Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It cured me of them for good 20 years ago." Cures every sore, wound, burn or abrasion. 25c. at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

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Today Cars to the Beach every half hour in the afternoon. **

Christmas Goods. ..

Illustrated Books,
All the Late Novels,
Fancy Box Paper,
Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens,
All kinds of novelties,
Huyler's fine Candies.

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Carolina Savings & Trust Co.
In the big white building, Corner Front and Princess streets.
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STATEMENT

Condition of THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business December 3rd, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts $1,767,886	59
N. C. State Bonds 55,000	00
U. S. Bonds (at par).... 450,000	00
Bank Building 25,000	00
Cash 891,114	25
$3,189,000,84	

LIABILITIES.

Capital .....$ 500,000	00
Surplus and Net Profits.. 227,211	61
Circulation 425,000	00
Deposits 1,936,789	23
U. S. Bond Account 100,000	00
$3,189,000,84	

DEPOSITS:

December 3rd, 1903, $1,457,386 48
December 3rd, 1905, $1,856,479 01
December 3rd, 1907, $1,936,789 23
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Our store will be open until 10 o'clock every night during the holidays.
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PANIC PRICES!!
Our Mr. Cole has just returned from the New York market; with the ready money he applied his experience to the panicky conditions and, as a result, we are daily receiving a line of Holiday Serviceables that cannot be equalled in variety, quality and cheapness in Wilmington.
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We have some extra specials in Rockers, Ladies' Desks, China Cabinets, Buffets, Leather Couches, Leather Chairs and Art Squares, odd dressers and Chiffoniers in Birds Eye, Mahogany and Oak.
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We Want to Be in Time, So We'll Say It Now.
Some people think it hard to provide a man's Christmas. Great trouble is, they don't go to the right store. We've everything that men wear and want.
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All these and many other articles that belong to man's wardrobe are here in choice variety.
Come to a Man's Store for a Man's Christmas.
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BATTLESHIPS AT TRINIDAD

Admiral Evans Big Fleet Arrived Ahead of Time And Surprises Natives.

TWO THOUSAND GO ASHORE

The Whipple, of the Torpedo Boat Flotilla Has a Slight Accident. Received a General Welcome—All are Well.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, B. W. I., Dec. 24.—Although not due here until today, the American battleship fleet arrived in this port yesterday, completing the first leg of the 14,000 mile journey to the Pacific.

Daylight today showed the war ships anchored in four column formation, about four miles from the wharf. The people crowded the water front to view the imposing array of white ships of war, entertainment committees completed their final arrangements, and the town rapidly took on its best holiday attire. Port of Spain has prepared to welcome the fleet with hospitality and good fellowship.

Numberless launches, rowboats, small yachts and harbor craft of all sorts began putting out at an early hour to take sightseers over to the American vessels. They clustered and cruised about between the anchored warships, glistening in the sun light of a warm, perfect day, while the crowd voiced its admiration.

Rear Admiral Evans, accompanied by his staff, called on the Governor of Trinidad, Sir Henry Moore Jackson, this morning. They were received on landing by a squad of honor from the local militia. A party of officers from the fleet came ashore this afternoon. The warships this morning took coal from the colliers.

All on board the vessels are well. The tender Yankton arrived during the night, several hours later than the fleet. She was unable to keep up with the other vessels.

Two thousand men of the battleship fleet were granted liberty this afternoon and were warmly welcomed by the populace when they landed. They gave themselves up to the enjoyment of sightseeing and playing baseball and other games. The town presents a lively appearance.

During the movements of the torpedo boat flotilla, preparatory to leaving the harbor this morning the destroyer Whipple's propeller fouled the anchor chain of the collier Fortuna. This accident delayed the departure of the flotilla for a time.

The torpedo boats returned here yesterday after having sailed Sunday because of damage to the machinery of the Lawrence. The Whipple at once was hove-to and divers were sent down to clear the propeller. The accident was not serious.

The city of Port of Spain lies on a curve in the Gulf of Paria, on the West side of the Island of Trinidad. It is one of the cleanest, most attractive and comfortable towns in the West Indies. From the bay the view of the port is bright and beautiful; white walled houses capped with red roofs nestle among luxuriant and brilliant tropical foliage. In the foreground sparkle the blue waters of the gulf while behind the town the encircling hills make a frame of changing hues.

It is an English town. English is the tongue of the blacks. Christmas is observed in the English way, and the men of our fleet will get an English welcome. It is a modern town; with well paved streets, good street car service, good stores and hotels, attractive tropical parks and extensive gardens. There are several clubs, some in the city and others in the nearby country. The famous Trinidad asphalt lake is sixty miles from Port of Spain. It supplies, under lease to an American, raw material for American pavements. The waters of the bay are shallow and vessels of deep draft have to anchor some distance out. The climate at this season is warm and pleasant.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Admiral Evans has reported to the Navy Department, the safe arrival of the battleship fleet at Trinidad yesterday. Secretary Metcalf today sent the following Christmas Greeting to the officers and men of the Atlantic battleship fleet and the torpedo destroyer flotilla:

"Evans, Port of Spain, Trinidad. The department extends to you, officers and men under your command, the best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

"(Signed) METCALF."

This message will be read to the men tomorrow aboard the various ships of the fleet and flotilla, or will be posted where it may be readily seen by them.

Over 14,000 officers and men are now at Port of Spain, so that the Secretary's message will be a greeting to them all. The message was sent by wireless telegraph from San Juan.

The first day of the officers and men of the American battleship fleet here proved to be an enjoyable one. Bright sunshine favored the visitors and after everything was made shipshape on board the battleships, the men were permitted to come ashore.

The officers of the fleet to the number of a hundred or more attended a garden party at which they had an opportunity of meeting many of the prominent public men of Port of Spain.

Sir Henry Moore Jackson, Governor of Trinidad, accompanied by his staff, returned the visit of Rear Admiral Evans, which the American commander had made in the morning and extended to him and some of the fifty superior officers an invitation to luncheon. All through the day the great American ships as well as those who manned them, were objects of special interest to the entire populace, who found time to make the occasion a gala one. The town put on its best attire and pleasing decorations greeted the eye at every turn.

The men of the fleet who were given shore leave spent their time in sight-seeing and playing at various games, and their behavior in every respect was most exemplary.

The holiday feeling spread even to the ships themselves, where amusements of all kinds were permitted.

There will be numerous social functions here in honor of the American officers and one day will be given over to the races.

HAS ITS FIRST LYNCHING

In Oklahoma a Negro is Dangling From a Telegraph Pole With His Body Shot Full of Bullets.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 24.—Riddled with bullets, the body of James Garden, a negro, is dangling from a telegraph pole tonight in Henrietta, Okla., a coal mining town thirty miles southwest of here as the result of the first lynching in the new State.

Garden at noon today shot and killed Bates, a white man because Bates, who is a well known livery man refused to rent a rig to the negro.

Garden said Bates was discriminating against him because of his color and going across the street for a pistol, Garden returned and killed Bates.

Garden was lodged in jail and tonight a mob of a hundred men battered down the doors of the jail and secured the negro and hung him to a nearby pole.

They then riddled the body with bullets. All the negroes in Henrietta are terrorized. There is a negro in the Henrietta jail who it is feared, will be lynched before morning.

THREE KILLED IN GEORGIA

Two Negroes and One White Man are Dead, the Result of Drink.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Way Cross,, Ga., Dec. 24.—Wallace Dyal, a woodman employed by W. L. Hinson & Co., at a turpentine still about 18 miles from Way Cross, was fatally shot today by a crowd of negroes who were fighting among themselves.

Before expiring he shot and instantly killed two of the negroes. No arrests have been made.

The negroes it appears were drinking and started a fight. Dyal was nearby and went to separate the fighters. They resented this interference and fired on him. He fell, but used his pistol with telling effect.

WISHES WERE OBSERVED.

United States Senator Mallory Buried Just as He Had Desired.

(By Wire to the Morn'ng Star.)

Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 24.—According to his expressed wish, simple funeral services were held today over the body of the late United States Senator Stephen R. Mallory.

At 10 o'clock business throughout the city was closed and remained closed during the services. The body was buried in Old St. Michaels cemetery, where lies buried the father of the late Senator, who during his life served in the United States Senate and was Secretary of the Confederate Navy.

TO THE PUBLIC.

We wish to thank the Public for their liberal patronage during our sale also during the past year. We wish to say we will continue at our old stand catering to the wants of everybody with the best lines of merchandise that money can buy. Trusting to have the continuation of your valued patronage and wishing you one and all a Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year, we beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,
** The Mercantile Bargain House.

WARM WIRELETS.

Mrs. Alice Longworth has so far recovered from the effects of the operation of appendicitis which she underwent on December 11th, that she will leave the White House Thursday for her own residence.

A meeting of the Southeastern Passenger association has been called for January 29 at Bellaire, Fla. Prominent railroad men will assemble at the meeting to discuss various matters concerning the Winter travel.

According to the statistics compiled by the Railway Age, railroad construction in the United States has been nearly as heavy in 1907 as in 1906, which was the heaviest in years, since 1888. The total number of miles of new track laid this year has been 5,730, of which 422 miles were in Louisiana; 341 in Florida; 385 in South Dakota; 314 in Texas and 311 in Washington. In Canada during the same time 723 miles were built, and in Mexico 349 miles.

—News and Observer: A capias for the arrest of Henry Owen Rogers was received by Sheriff Sharp on the eighth of this month. Last night he was arrested by officer Tom Corbett, and in default of a four hundred dollar justified bond, for his appearance at the next term of Wake court, he was lodged in jail. He has been in the employ of the Norfolk & Southern Railroad Company for the past two months, the important position of cashier and telegraph operator at Wilson. He is charged with the seduction under promise of marriage of a lady in Wilson county. He will remain in jail until tomorrow unless the required bond is forthcoming—when he will be taken to Raleigh.

REAR ADMIRAL QUITS HIS JOB

Willard H. Brownson, Chief of The Bureau of Navigation Is Out of It.

SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED

Brownson Won't Talk, Neither Will Secretary Metcalf and No Information Can be Obtained at the Whitehouse.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 24.—President Roosevelt today received an accepted the resignation of Rear Admiral Willard H. Brownson, as chief of the Bureau of Navgation.

The resignation takes effect immediately and Captain Cameron McR. Winslow has been appointed to succeed the Admiral. No reason for the resignation is given at the White House.

Dilligent inquiry from Rear Admiral Brownson, from Secretary Metcalf and at the White House, failed to develop the reason for the seemingly sudden retirement of the Rear Admiral from the Navigation Bureau.

Admiral Brownson takes the position that the subject is one for the discussion of his superior officer. Secretary Metcalf passes the responsibility of stating the reason of the resignation to President Roosevelt.

Secretary Loeb speaking for the President, says that no information can be obtained from that source. Two theories have been advanced as being sufficient in themselves to bring forth the letter of resignation. One of these reasons is that the Admiral finds himself unable to agree with the ideas of the President regarding certain important policies to be pursued by the Bureau of Navigation. Such a disagreement, honestly entertained would leave the Admiral but one course and that to take his place on the retired list and relinquish the active management of the bureau.

The other reason is that the rear admiral being on the retired list of the navy may not be legally confirmed by the Senate to an appointment to active duty. It is known that the Judge Advocates department of the navy has been wrestling with this legal question, with special reference to the case of Admiral Brownson for several weeks past. It is also known that an opinion on the question has recently been rendered. What the effect of this opinion is, can only be surmised. Those who believe that it is the reason for his resignation, say that the opinion set forth the law to be that his confirmation could not be legally executed by the Senate.

Admiral Brownson's appointment as Chief of the Bureau of Navigation was made by the President during the recess of Congress. It is customary for the names of recess appointees to go to the Senate on its next convening after the appointments have been made.

In the present case and because of the uncertainty right of a retired naval officer to be assigned to active duty, Admiral Brownson's name is withheld from the Senate, pending the rendering of the legal opinion in the case. The resignation and its acceptance will obviate the raising of the question between the legislative and executive departments of the government, as to the right of retired officers to be appointed to active duty in time of peace.

Since the Admiral took command of the Bureau of Navigation, that bureau has had to handle the question of the cruise of the Atlantic fleet to the Pacific, the greatest peace move of the navy during its history. The resignation of Admiral Brownson as Chief of the Bureau of Navigation has the effect of placing him in his former position on the retired list of the Navy.

Commander Winslow, who has been designated to act as the head of the Navigation Bureau, has for some time past been assistant to Admiral Brownson.. Commander Winslow is anxious to obtain command of the new battleship New Hampshire, so it is believed that his present designation is intended to bridge over an interval during which the President can make a selection of another officer.

Among the names mentioned in that conenction is that of Captain Richardson Clover at present head of the Board of Inspection and Survey.

Another name which it is known has been considered in conenction with the vacancy is that of Lieutenant Commander William S. Sims, who is one of the President's Naval Aides.

DON'T WANT HELP.

Cotton Mill Employes of Union Springs, Ala., Wont Have It.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 24.—The people of the cotton mill district of Union Springs, Ala., have indignantly refused to accept Christmas charity. A number of baskets were posted about the town in which the people were to drop presents for the "poor" people of the cotton mill district."

In a short time notices were posted that "the poor people of the cotton mill district" neither needed nor desire such aid.

A CARD.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Quelch wish to return thanks to their friends for the many words of kindness and acts of sympathy extended to them during their recent bereavement.

Fireworks at Rehder's, Fourth Street Bridge, Candycapps and Market Street store under Bonitz Hotel. 4t

MUST PUBLISH RATES.

Illinois Central Railroad is Called to Account by Court.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 24.—The case of Holcomb-Hayes Company against the Illinois Central railroad company and the Southern Railway Company, before the Inter-State Commerce Commission has been decided in favor of the complainant.

The defendant roads are required to publish their rates for a definite period of time and to reimburse the complainant in the sum of $3,071, as representing alleged unjust and unreasonable charges for the transportation of cross ties.

Although just announced today the decision was rendered December 9 and embodies a new rule in such cases to prevent discriminations, requiring rates to remain in effect for a definite period of time, to be designated in the order. The following comment is made:

"The Commission does not approve the practice whereby a carrier put in rates with a clause under which they expire after a short time, for the purpose of enabling the commission to do justice in a particular case."

In the present case the defendants are required to publish and charge, on or before January 15, 1908, and during a period of at least one year thereafter, a rate of 19 1-2 cents per cross tie.

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W. B. Cooper,
Jobbing Grocer
Wilmington, N. C

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of course, is to secure a satisfactory yield from your land—the largest crop at the least cost of production.

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